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BIRTHS.

ALLEN—December 16, 1925, at 9 Shamrock Villas, Drumcondra, to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Allen, a son.

HUTCHINSON—December 14, 1925, at Sunnybank, Newtownmountkennedy, the wife of James Hutchinson, a son.

LEE—December 21, 1925, at 5 Mount street Crescent, Dublin, the wife of Edward S. Lee, of a daughter.

MERRIN—December 23, 1925, at Mount Haigh, Kingstown, to Dr. Alfred and Dr. Gerda Merrin, a son.

WALTON—December 17, 1925, at No. 76 Rugby avenue, Belfast, to Head Constable and Mrs. Walton, a son.

MARRIAGE.

COOPER and HARRISON—December 9, 1925, at Pindi, Captain Charles Cooper, I.A.S.C., to Blanche Lindesay Harrison, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, 17 Fitzwilliam square, Dublin.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 4.

ANDERSON—December 22, 1925, in Nursing Home, Cork, suddenly, Edith, widow of the late William Anderson, Agent, Bank of Ireland, Clonakilty, County Cork, and eldest daughter of Dr. Carr, Silchester road, Kingstown.

COUGHLAN—December 23, 1925, at her residence, South View, Clontarf, Margaret Jane, widow of the late Patrick Coughlan, and daughter of the late John Algeo, Manorhamilton. R.I.P. Funeral from her residence to Kilbarrack to-day (Thursday) at 3 o'clock. No flowers.

COX—December 23, 1925, at 26 Duke street, Athy, John Robert Cox, dearly-loved and loving husband of Helen G. Cox. Funeral to St. Michael's, Athy, at 1 o'clock on Saturday.

"Sleep on, beloved, sleep and take thy rest,
Lay down thy weary head upon thy Saviour's breast.
We loved thee well, but Jesus loved thee best.
Good night. Good night. Good night."

CURTIS—December 22, 1925, at his residence, 15 Alma road, Monkstown, County Dublin, fortified by the rites of Holy Church, Thomas Aloysius Curtis, aged 73 years, youngest son of the late Stephen P. Curtis, North Great George's street, Dublin. R.I.P. Funeral private.

DAWSON—December 22, 1925, at "Argentina," Downshire road, Bangor, County Down, Mary Louisa, second daughter of the late Very Rev. Abraham Dawson, Dean of Dromore and Rector of Seagoe.

DEVLIN—December 23, 1925, at her residence, Cookstown, Mary Frances (Pollie), dearly-loved wife of Frank Devlin. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral to-morrow (Christmas Day) to the family burying ground, after 10 o'clock Mass.

GOODBODY—December 21, 1925, at Northwood, Middlesex, Edith, wife of Colonel C. M. Goodbody, D.S.O.

JACKSON—December 21, 1925, at a Private Nursing Home, Taunton, Somerset, Peter Warburton, eldest surviving son of the late Henry Vincent Jackson, of Inane, Roscrea, and Galtrim, Bray.

OWEN—December 23, 1925, at her residence, 43 Upper Beechwood avenue, Mary Atkinson, wife of the late Alfred Richard Owen. Funeral at 9 a.m. on Saturday, 26th December, for Mount Jerome.

ROCHE—December 23, 1925, at National Hospital, London, Mary, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Roche, 139 Rathgar road, Dublin. R.I.P. Funeral to-day (Thursday) in London.

THOMPSON—December 19, 1925, at Monaincha, Roscrea, Bella, beloved sister of Robert Thompson, Glencoe, Greystones. "With Christ, which is far better."

THOMPSON—December 19, 1925, at Monaincha, Roscrea, Nurse Thompson, for many years the faithful housekeeper and devoted friend of Mrs. Miller.

WRIGHT—December 22, 1925, at Prumplestown House, Castledermot, Richard Wright, in his 86th year. Funeral at 2 o'clock to-day (Thursday), 24th, to Castledermot. No flowers, by request.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The **Misses Beatty**, Gowan Brae, Inniscrone, desire to express their gratitude for the kindness and sympathy received in their latest bereavement, and trust their many friends will accept this acknowledgment.

IN MEMORIAM.

ARMSTRONG—In loving memory of George Armstrong, Bruree, County Limerick, who died Christmas Morning, 1918. "Nearer, my God, to Thee."

PARR—In ever-loving memory of our dear son, Charles E. Parr, who died at Bombay on the 24th December, 1921. "Brief life is here our portion." Inserted by his parents.

SHAW—In loving memory of mother, called Home December 24, 1921. "In Jesus' keeping we are safe and they."—Kathleen.

SHAW—In fond and loving memory of mother, December 24th, 1921.—Vi.

TIMMINS—Seventh Anniversary — In loving memory of Christopher Timmins, P.L.G. (D.T.P.S.), who died at his residence, 34 Newmarket, on 24th December, 1918. On whose soul, Sweet Jesus, have mercy.

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The Managing Committee gratefully acknowledge the following subscriptions received through the Sisters of Mercy during November:—

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The accommodation for the nursing and domestic staffs of the Hospital is unsuitable and inadequate. The premises are decayed and beyond repair. The provision of a Nurses' Home is a pressing necessity, and plans for the work have been prepared by Mr. Ralph Byrne, F.R.I.A., the Architect of the Hospital; the necessary ground for the purpose is held in fee-simple by the Hospital, but, with the limited means available, the Managing Committee are reluctant to embark on so heavy an expenditure. They earnestly appeal to the charitable public and to the friends of the Hospital to help them in this good work.

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All persons having any claims or demands against the estate of the above-named deceased, who died on the 13th day of December, 1925, are required forthwith to furnish particulars (in writing) to the undersigned Solicitors for the Executors.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE OF CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.
In the Estate of
ELLEN HARNEY, late of Redcity, Fethard, in the County of Tipperary, Spinster, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Statute, that the above named Deceased by her Will dated the 9th day of September, 1925, and two codicils thereto, dated respectively the 16th September, 1925, and 19th September, 1925, bequeathed the following charitable legacies:—

To the undermentioned clergymen for Masses to be said in public in Ireland for the repose of her soul:—

To Rev. Michael Ryan, P.P., Knocklong, the sum of	£50
To Rev. Patrick Ryan, Administrator, Pallasgreen	£50
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To Rev. Dean Ryan, P.P., Cashel	£50
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To Rev. Father Russell, P.P., Fethard	£50
To Rev. Father Fitzgerald, C.C., Fethard	£25
To Rev. Father Stokes, O.S.A., Fethard	£20
To Rev. Father O'Flynn, O.S.A., Fethard	£20
Lord Abbot of Mount Melleray	£100
Testatrix also bequeathed to the Lord Abbot of Mount St. Joseph's, Roscrea, for a perpetual Mass, to be said in public, in Ireland, for the souls of her father and mother, and the deceased members of their family	£100

Testatrix bequeathed the following further charitable bequests:—

To the Fethard Nuns for the benefit of the poor children attending their schools	£100
To the Patrician Brothers, Fethard, for the benefit of the poor children attending their schools at Fethard	£100
To the St. Vincent de Paul Society for distribution amongst the deserving poor at Fethard	£100
To the Rev. Mother, Woodlock Convent, Portlaw, for the charitable purposes of said Convent	£50
To the Rev. Mother, Good Shepherd Nuns, Drumcondra, for the charitable purposes of said Convent	£100
To the Rev. Mother, Hospital for Incurables, Harold's Cross, Dublin, for the purposes of said Hospital	£100
To the Rev. Mother of the Mercy Convent, Portlaw, for the charitable purposes of said Convent	£100
To the Superior, for the time being, of the Female Penitentiary, Henrietta street, Dublin, for the objects of such Penitentiary	£[illegible]
To the President of Thurles College, to be applied by him towards the expenses of a Priest for the Foreign Mission	£100
To the Chinese Mission Fund for the objects of said Fund, or Society	£200
To the South African Mission Fund, or Society, for the furtherance of the objects of said Society	£200
To the Superioress, for the time being, of the Little Sisters of the Poor, Waterford, for the benefit of said Community	£100
To Rev. Father Russell, P.P., Fethard, for the purpose of helping in the erection of a new parochial house at Fethard	£100

And Testatrix gave all the rest, residue, and remainder of her property to her Executors to hold same for the period of two years from her death on trust for certain missing relatives, if discovered, within said period; and on failure of any authentic claim by such relatives, then to hold the said residue upon trust for the Parish Priest of Fethard, for the time being, for the distribution thereof amongst such charitable objects and for such charitable purposes as the said Parish Priest in his absolute discretion might think fit; and Testatrix declared that in the event of this latter gift being, or becoming, illegal by any means of being rendered inoperative at law, that the said residue should belong to the Parish Priest, for the time being, of the said Parish of Fethard.

Probate of the said Will and two Codicils thereto was granted forth of the District Probate Registry at Waterford on the 14th day of December, 1925, to Michael Heffernan, of Ballyduagh; Edmund Quinn, of Lismoynan, and Edmund Cummins, of Brookhill, all in the said County Tipperary, Esquires, the Executors named in the said Will and Codicils.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1925.
THOMAS F. O'BRIEN, Solicitor for the Executors, Quay House, Clonmel, and 24 St. Andrew street, Dublin.
To the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests in Ireland, and all others whom it may concern.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Estate of
ELLEN HARNEY, late of Redcity, Fethard, in the County of Tipperary, Spinster.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Statute, that all persons having any claims or demands against the estate of the above-named Deceased, who died on the 24th September, 1925, are hereby required to furnish particulars (in writing) not later than the 15th day of January, 1926, to the undersigned Solicitor for Michael Heffernan, of Ballyduagh, Edmund Quinn, of Lismoynan, and Edmund Cummins, of Brookhill, all in said County Tipperary, the Executors named in the said Will and two Codicils thereto of said Deceased, to whom Probate was duly granted on the 14th day of December, 1925. And Notice is hereby further given that on and after said 15th day of January, 1926, the said Executors will proceed to distribute the estate of the above-named Deceased, having regard only to such claims as shall then have been received.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1925.
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MARTIN O'BYRNE,
Secretary,
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LEGAL NOTICES.

Pursuant to a Judgment of the High Court of Justice, Saorstat Eireann, made in an action,
PATRICK KENNEDY, Plaintiff;
And
JAMES GRACE, Defendant.

The creditors of the Partnership Business carried on by Patrick Kennedy and James Grace at 68 Parnell street, Dublin, down to the 28th day of October, 1924, and also the creditors of the Business carried on by James Grace in said premises, in succession to said Partnership Business, are, on or before the 23rd day of January, 1926, to send by post, prepaid, to Mr. James Fagan, of 58 Rutland square, W., Dublin, the Solicitor of the Plaintiff, their names, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities held by them; and all persons claiming to be incumbrancers affecting the said premises, portion whereof are held under a fee-farm grant dated the 24th day of August, 1874, and portion whereof are held under lease dated 21st December, 1874, are, by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their claims at Chambers, Law Courts, Dublin, on or before the 22nd day of January, 1926, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said judgment.

Every such creditor or incumbrancer holding any security is to produce same at Chambers, Law Courts, Dublin, on the 27th day of January, 1926, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1925.
JOHN HEALY, Chief Clerk.
JAMES FAGAN, Solicitor, 58 Rutland square, W., Dublin.

Pursuant to a Judgment of the High Court of Justice, Saorstat Eireann, made in an action,
ELLEN COFFEY and ANOTHER, Plaintiffs;
THOMAS FANNING and OTHERS, Defendants.

The creditors of Thomas Fanning, late of Castleroan, Dunkerrin, Roscrea, King's County, Farmer, who died in or about the month of August, 1915, are, on or before the 27th day of January, 1926, to send by post, prepaid, to Messrs. Webb and Webb, of 1 Suffolk street, Dublin, the Solicitors of Ellen Coffey, the Administratrix of the Deceased, their names, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts, and the nature of the securities held by them; and all persons claiming to be incumbrancers affecting the freehold registered land of the said Thomas Fanning are to come in and prove their claims at Chambers, Law Courts, Dublin, on or before the said 27th day of January, 1926, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said judgment.

Every such creditor or incumbrancer holding any security is to produce the same at Chambers, Law Courts, Dublin, on the 3rd day of February, 1926, at 11 of the clock in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims.

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SAORSTAT EIREANN.
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE—COURT NO. 2.
In the Matter of
THE COMPANIES (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1908.
And in the Matter of
THE ABBEYVIEW CO-OPERATIVE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Creditors of the above-named Society are on or before the 10th day of February, 1926, to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any) to Charles E. O'Beirne, of Ballinamore, in the County of Leitrim, the Official Liquidator of the above Society, and if so required by notice in writing from the Official Liquidator, or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their said debts or claims at the Chambers of the Judge, Law Courts, Dublin, at such time as shall be specified in said Notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before the said debts are proved.

Wednesday, the 24th day of February, 1926, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the said Chambers, is appointed for hearing and adjudicating upon the said debts and claims.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 1925.
JOHN HEALY, Chief Clerk.

NOTICE OF CHARITABLE DONATIONS AND BEQUESTS.
In the Goods of
GEORGE JOHN WILSON, late of 52 High street, Dublin, a Director of the Leinster Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 30 and 31 Vic., cap. 54, that the said George John Wilson, who died on the 28th day of May, 1925, by his Will dated the 15th day of September, 1922, made the following charitable bequest:—As to one-sixteenth of the residue of his property to be used and applied by his Trustees (therein named) for or towards the maintenance of a bed in a Dublin Hospital for the use of any member of the staff of his said Firm when required. Probate of said Will was on the 6th day of August, 1925, granted forth of the Principal Probate Registry at Dublin to William H. I. Richardson, of 75 Wellington road, in the County of Dublin, one of the Executors therein named.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1925.
ALFRED E. WALKER, Solicitor for the Executor, 1 College street, Dublin.
To the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests, and all whom it may concern.

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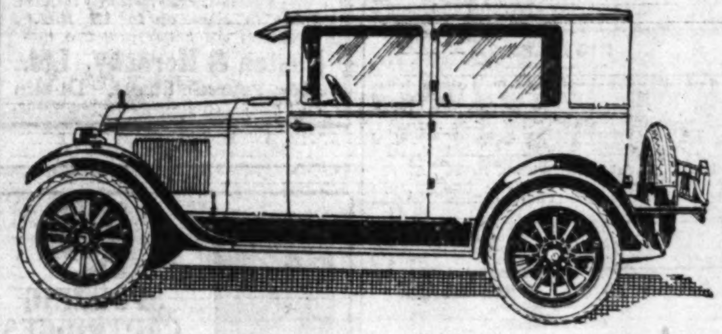

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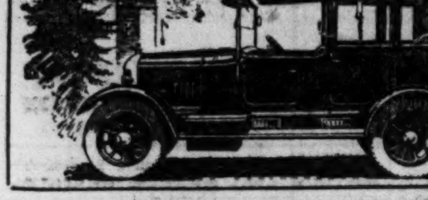

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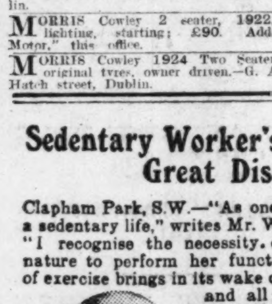

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The prices of turkeys and geese jumped up 1d. per lb. from Tuesday's market, and were fully 2d. per lb. more than last Friday. There was a large display of holly, mistletoe, evergreens for decorating purposes, hothouse plants and cut flowers, and the vendors did a big business.

The following prices (dead weight) were obtained:—Cock turkeys, 20s. to 31s. 6d.; hen turkeys, 13s. to 22s. 6d.; geese, 7s. 6d. to 12s. 3d.; ducks, 3s. 9d. to 5s. 3d.; hens, 3s. 9d. to 6s. 6d.; chickens, 4s. to 5s. 6d.; also dead per lb.—Cock turkeys, 1s. 6d. to 1s. 8d.; hen turkeys, 1s. 6d. to 1s. 8d.; geese, 10d. to 1s. 1d.; chickens, 10d. to 1s. 1d.

CHRISTMAS AT PEAMOUNT.

The annual entertainment by the patients at Peamount Sanatorium, Co. Dublin, was given on Tuesday last. The visitors were welcomed by the Medical Superintendent and the Matron, and given a substantial Christmas dinner, after which a start with the variety entertainment was made. The talent shown was truly remarkable, especially among the children, who were trained and taught by Miss Teahan and Miss Hanrattie, to whom high praise is due. The adult patients presented the well-known sketch, "The Young Man from Rathmines," and acquitted themselves well.

During the proceedings a telegram, extending to all at Peamount cordial greetings for Christmas, was received from Lord and Lady Aberdeen. A delightful evening ended with a dance for the patients.

DUBLIN DISTRICT COURT

BOYS SENT FOR TRIAL.

THEFT AND HOUSE-BREAKING CHARGES.

(BEFORE MR. COLLINS.)

Thomas Kenny (18), Grenville street; Edward Moran (17), Lower Dominick street; and Denis Stout (18), Dominick street, were returned for trial to the Circuit Court on a charge of conspiracy to steal and stealing brass plates and fittings, valued at £34, from Messrs. Legg Bros., sawmill proprietors, Grenville street. Bail was accepted.

Two brothers named Patrick and James McCabe, aged 18 and 16 years, respectively, living in Ash street, were returned for trial to the Circuit Court on a charge of stealing £39 from Mrs. Johnstone, 68 Booterstown avenue, on the 6th inst. The house, it was stated, had been entered between 6 and 7 o'clock on the evening in question while the occupants were out.

Thomas Welstead, hairdresser, Ash street, the boys' step-father, was also sent for trial on charges of receiving £4 16s. 9d., alleged to be part of the proceeds of the robbery, and of being in the illegal possession of several articles.

On the application of Mr. J. V. Brady, who defended, bail was allowed in sums of £10 in the case of the boys, and a £50 surety in Welstead's case.

LUCAN HOUSE-BREAKING.

The theft of silver, etc., from Ballyowen House, Lucan, which was broken into recently, led to the arrest, from a description, of a man named Morris by the Civic Guard at Tallaght. Morris was subsequently charged at a Special Court at Lucan in connection with the affair, and was remanded to the next District Court.

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DUBLIN TYPIST'S DEATH

BODY FOUND ON KILLINEY STRAND.

Dr. Brennan, Coroner for South County Dublin, yesterday held an inquest concerning the death of Miss Evelyn Iveagh McGuinness, typist, whose dead body was found on the strand at Killiney on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Louise Bolton, 24 Ashfield road, Ranelagh, stated that Miss McGuinness was alive at 4.10 p.m. on Saturday, and seemed normal. She had not been in good health, and had been attending a doctor for a nervous breakdown. The girl's mother had said that she threatened to commit suicide by drowning herself. She had attempted to drown herself at her own house on 13th December.

Dr. Pim, who made a *post-mortem* examination of the body, stated that in his opinion the cause of death was shock resulting from injury to the head and from immersion. She must have got a severe blow on her head before she fell into the water, probably by striking a rock, and must have been insensible before she reached the water. The shock and immersion caused her death. He could not say definitely that the cause of death was drowning.

A Juror called attention to the delay in holding the inquest.

Sergeant Daly said that he was informed of the discovery of the body on Sunday morning last. He communicated with the Coroner on Monday. He was informed that the Coroner was not at home. On Tuesday he was told that the inquest would be held on Wednesday.

The Coroner said that the cause of the delay was his absence in the country. On his return he had to hold another inquest yesterday in a different part of his district. He had to take the inquests in rotation, and this was the first opportunity that he had of holding the present inquiry.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, and passed a resolution asking the County Council to make inquiry, with a view to preventing a repetition of such a delay.

DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED.

Mr. Lindsay Crawford, solicitor, of Doncaster, has received a communication from the Home Secretary stating that the capital sentence passed on George Temperton, the young Edlington miner, at the last Leeds Assizes for the murder of Miss Violet Emily Turner, of Edlington, has been commuted to penal servitude for life.

WOMAN AND HER HOME.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES.

THE fire had lost its ruddy glow and was fast approaching a less comfort-giving stage, but the change passed unheeded.

For the fiftieth time Phyllis had been relating the wonderful delight of Christmas in hospital. The pageant of colour, light, and the great Christmas tree, with—as she graphically expressed it—"the sort of lovely smell of Christmas, that was just everywhere."

Phyllis had used the same phrase each time that she re-told of her wholly happy experience, and the children invariably accepted it without further need of explanation or comment. All of them, save Elizabeth, who as invariably suggested that the snow flowers, the great white tufted chrysanthemums, so profusely used in the decorations, with the shining red and green holly and pearl-like mistletoe, were responsible for that special "Christmasy" fragrance.

"The chrysanthemums first," said Elizabeth, who was a little winter-born child herself; and her big grey eyes grew bigger yet.

"The dolls and the toy horses and dogs," reproached the other children, who had scant respect for the queer fancies of Elizabeth, who could claim for the flowers first praise at such an exciting time.

The dismal attitude of the fire was now too apparent to be overlooked, but since the schoolroom fire was a forbidden luxury after 5 o'clock in the household of the struggling medical practitioner, a general exodus was the result. Only Elizabeth had been left to draw by herself feathery snow flowers on the darkening window-pane.

With her little fingers tracing lovely fantastic Christmas blooms, she pondered in her busy brain how best for once to obtain such joys as her elder sister had known. With the accepted stoicism of the child of the poor but gently-born, she had no illusions as to the variety or number of Christmas delights in her happy, but poverty-bound, home. There would be holly, one box at least of crackers, a toy apiece, and a plum pudding, but no great scented (and did not Elizabeth know the heavenly perfume of a great bunch of chrysanthemums when time could be snatched for a burying of one's face in such by the florist's window) chrysanthemums nor Christmas evergreens which had made the ward, so Phyllis had said, "like the Snow King's palace."

And then to Elizabeth came an idea. By one way alone she might become a sharer of the beauty that her colour-loving little nature craved. Phyllis had found her way to her fairyland by the road of the area steps and a broken leg. The mind of Elizabeth was mediæval when the purpose of Elizabeth overlooked possible pain and probable discomfort. By the road of the area steps!

. . . .

"Jack, just at Christmas time, for this fresh blow to curtail the very few pleasures the children have. And yet, the only pain I cannot bear is the thought of suffering for you and for them. I should not complain when you both are spared that."

Elizabeth, creeping through the hall on her way to her awful journey in search of Christmas flowers and joys, heard her mother speaking to her father from within the opened study door. With her sensitive ears she caught the sorrow of tears in that dear voice. The only pain mummy could not bear.

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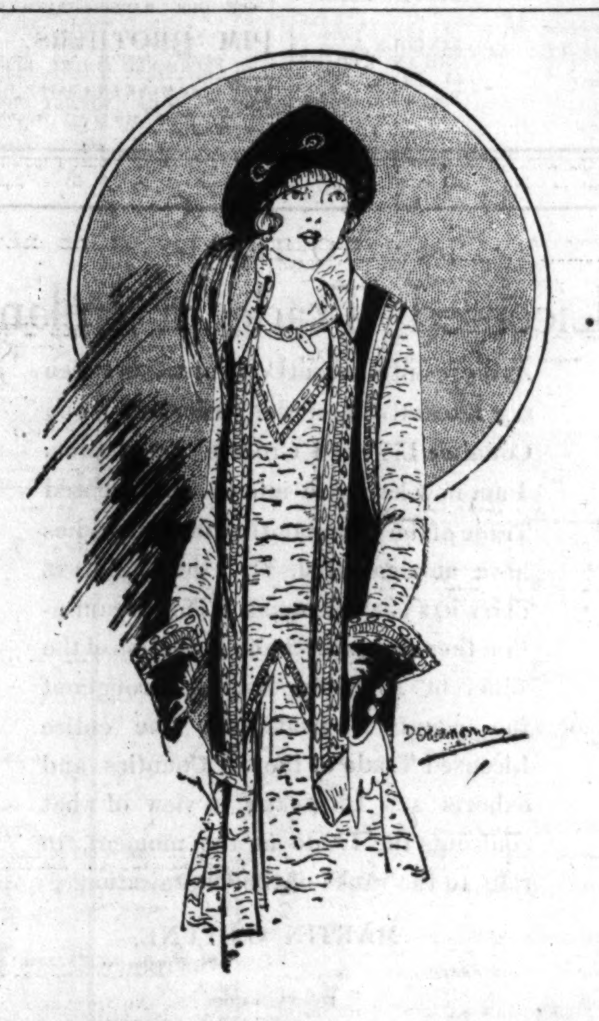
The way back to the schoolroom seemed very long. The gateway to the Palace of Delight had been closed by the tears in mummy's voice.

D.H.



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MEMORIES.

CHRISTMAS time is essentially a season of festivity, of gaiety and enjoyment, but below the spirit of rejoicing runs an undercurrent of sadness, accentuated by our treasured memories of the past. Such memories lie dormant within us, but by some touch, insignificant in itself, but reminiscent of the past, they become a living force, and carry our thoughts back to pictures of bygone times. These memories, whether they be happy or sad, are very dear to us, and resemble, as it were, the strings of the Æolian harp which lay silent till played upon by the breezes, and then, at the first breath of the wind, the sleeping notes would awake, and faintly pour forth some harmonious melody.

The annual observance of Christmas customs, occurring with such regularity, forms an outstanding feature of each year, and acts as milestones in our lives. We cannot resist pausing at each to rest and think upon the course of events between the stones. We hide from others those precious "thoughts which lie too deep for tears," but surely such memories are not to be shunned on that account, for "our sweetest songs are those that tell of saddest thoughts."

Our Christmas memories may thus be tinged with sadness, but we must not let them dim the present. Each Christmas leads to the dawn of another year, and with that dawn comes the birth of a new hope—not the blind and bowed hope of Watts's famous picture, but a hope radiating with cheerfulness and with courage to meet the events of the coming year. With such a hope we can dismiss the old year without regrets, and echo with Tennyson—

"Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night:
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die."

V.V.V.

THE JOYS OF GIVING.

WITH most of us the giving of presents has degenerated into a mere habit. We establish a profit and loss account between us and our friends, which we endeavour to balance satisfactorily every Christmastide.

A gift which represents neither thought nor sacrifice may, perchance, benefit the recipient, but it ends there, and is no real pleasure to the giver—the joy of giving has been forfeited.

We are all prone to be gift snobs at times. We give in accordance with what our friends possess, which is surely the most foolish of all forms of giving. We know some particular friend who has a large house, a luxurious car, plenty of servants. Our gift must be very beautiful and very costly, so that it may compare favourably with her possessions. We are often tempted to give much more than we can possibly afford, lest our prestige may suffer by comparison.

When giving to a person poorer than ourselves it is infinitely better to choose some gift which the recipient would not dream of spending money on for themselves—something more than a grim and useful necessity, something dainty, with just the hint of utter extravagance, which is so dear to the heart of one who must needs limit their expenditure to what is absolutely necessary. It may not be strictly practical, but it is better—it is true kindliness. Our rich friends would be just as well pleased by our thought of them, for money cannot buy love and affection, but it can do much towards brightening the lives of others less prosperous than ourselves. Let us give ourselves with our gifts, and their value will be increased a thousandfold.

T. E. D.

COLD SWEETS FOR CHRISTMAS PARTIES.

LEMON SPONGE.

Ingredients.—Half ounce gelatine, rind and juice of two lemons, two ounces sifted sugar, half pint cold water, whites of three eggs.

Method.—Place the gelatine, sugar, lemon juice, water and lemon rind in a pan; stir till gelatine is melted; bring to boiling point. Strain and cool. Beat the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth in a basin. Add the lemon mixture, cool, but not setting. Beat the whole till it is a stiff white froth. Have a mould scalded and rinsed out with cold water. Pour in the mixture, and set aside till cold and firm.

TRIFLE.

Ingredients—Four or five penny sponge cakes, raspberry or apricot jam, a few ratafias, six tablespoonfuls of sherry or one gill fruit juice, half pint custard, half pint cream, one teaspoonful vanilla essence, one tablespoonful sugar.

Method. — Split the sponges, spread with jam, place on a flat dish. Put in the ratafias, pour the wine or fruit syrup over the sponge cakes, then pour over the custard and soak. Flavour, sweeten and whip the cream. Force through a bag on top of custard, and decorate as liked.

COFFEE WATER ICING.

Two or three tablespoonfuls boiling water, half pound sifted sugar, coffee essence. Mix all together.

MOCHA PUDDING.

Ingredients. — Two eggs, four ounces castor sugar, two and a half ounces sifted flour, coffee butter icing, coffee water icing, half pint whipped sweetened cream.

Method.—Beat the eggs, add the sugar, and whisk over a pan of hot water until the sugar is melted; then whisk again till cold. Add the flour, sifted. Turn into a carefully-greased timbale mould; bake in a very moderate oven until set and a pale brown colour (45 minutes), turn out and allow to cool. Cover with coffee water icing and allow to set. Decorate with coffee-flavoured butter icing, and fill up the centre with cream passed through a rose forcer.

SEMOLINA SNOW.

Ingredients.—Two ounces semolina, one pint water, three to four ounces sugar, rind and juice of one lemon.

Method. — Bring the grated rind and water to boiling point. Sprinkle in the semolina and cook eight minutes. Pour on to the lemon juice and sugar, and allow to become almost cold. Whisk till stiff. Pour into a crystal.

COFFEE BUTTER ICING.

Four ounces fresh butter, six ounces sieved icing sugar, coffee essence. Cream the butter, add the icing sugar and coffee essence, and beat well. Use when still soft.

TEACHER INJURED.

MOTOR ACCIDENT AT DROMORE.

As Mr. Joseph Murphy, Ballymacormick, principal of Backnamullagh Public Elementary School, and his wife were walking along the Hillsborough road at Dromore, a motor car coming from the direction of Belfast struck Mr. Murphy and knocked him down, inflicting serious injury to the head, which rendered him unconscious. The injured man was taken to the local Cottage Hospital. Mrs. Murphy escaped uninjured.

DUBLIN PORT BOARD.

At the weekly meeting of the Dublin Port and Docks Board yesterday, the business was routine. The Chairman (Mr. Walter Baird) wished the members a very happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous new year. These good wishes were heartily reciprocated.

McGUIRE'S COLLEGE.
Work will be resumed in all Departments on Wednesday, 30th December. Prospectus free on application to the Secretary, 5 Gardiner's Row, Dublin.—(Advt.)

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SERVICES AND ANTHEMS.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

St. Patrick's Cathedral.—8, Holy Communion. 11.15, Matins. Proper Psalms, 19, 85; Te Deum, Jubilate, Stanford in B flat. Anthems, etc.—Processional Hymn 86, "O come, all ye faithful"; "There were shepherds" (Handel); Hymn 84, "Hark! the herald." Preacher, the Dean. 12.15, Holy Communion (Choral, Kyrie, Credo, Sanctus, Gloria, Eyre in E flat; Offertory, "With all Thy hosts" (Bach); during Communion, "Beside Thy cradle" (Bach). 4, Proper Psalms, 110, 132; Magn. N. Dim., Stanford in B flat. Anthems, etc.—Processional Hymn 84, "Hark! the herald"; "Hallelujah" (Beethoven); Hymn 86, "O come, all ye faithful"; second, "There were shepherds. . . For behold darkness" (Handel).

Christ Church Cathedral.—11; Processional Hymn 84; Psalms, 19, 85; Te Deum and Benedictus, Stanford in C; Anthem, "There were shepherds" (Handel); Holy Communion, Stanford in C; Hymns, 89, 202. Preacher, the Dean. 3.30, Evensong; Processional Hymn, 85; Psalms, 110, 132; Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis, Stanford in C; Anthem, "There were shepherds" (Handel); Hymn, 86; Recessional Hymn, 88.

Royal Hospital, Kilmainham.—8, Holy Communion. 11, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

St. Matthias's Parish Church.—7.15 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer, sermon, and Holy Communion.

Rathmines Parish Church.—7, 8, 10, and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. E. C. Hodges.

St. Stephen's.—7, 8, and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins (Te Deum and Benedictus, Garrett in D; Anthem, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem" (Hopkins); Holy Communion, with sermon. 4, Evensong.

Magdalen Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. J. F. Moncrieff Cox.

St. Ann's Church.—7.15, 8, 10, and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. J. W. Crozier. St. Stephen's Day—11.30, Holy Communion.

Christ Church, Leeson Park.—7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. A. E. Hughes.

St. Columba's Church, Ranelagh.—7, 8, and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. H. Turner.

St. Bartholomew's, Clyde road.—7, 8, and 9, Holy Communion. 11, Matins, Rev. Dr. McNeile. 12, Procession and Sung Eucharist. 4, Evensong and Carols.

St. Andrew's Church.—8 and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Canon Forrester.

Drumcondra Parish.—8 and 11, Holy Communion. 12, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. N. D. Emerson.

North Strand Parish.—7, 8, and 10.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. H. C. Cave.

St. Werburgh's Parish Church.—8 and 9, Holy Communion. 11.15, Morning Service and Holy Communion, Rev. W. J. McCreery.

St. Mary's Parish Church.—10, Holy Communion.

St. Mary's Chapel of Ease.—8 and 11.30, Holy Communion; Rev. Gage Dougherty.

St. Kevin's, S.C. road.—8, 10, and 11.30, Holy Communion, Rev. R. Bird.

St. Jude's, Kilmainham.—8 and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. P. W. Coster.

Church of the Female Orphan House, N.C. road.—8.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. A. E. Gick.

St. Mark's.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. J. Carson.

St. George's.—7, 8, 10 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Dr. Shaw.

St. Aidan's.—8, 10 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. J. T. Cummins.

St. Augustine's.—8, 10 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. E. Dawson.

The Free Church.—8 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. R. K. Flewett.

St. Michan's.—8.30 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. R. Saunderson Griffin.

St. Paul's.—7, 8 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Canon Harden.

St. Peter's.—6.30, 8, and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. J. Tobias.

St. Audoen's.—9 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. F. C. Long.

All Saints' Church, Grangegorman.—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins and Holy Communion (Choral), Rev. E. H. F. Campbell.

St. James's Parish Church.—8 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. E. M. Bateman.

St. James's District Church.—7, 8 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. P. Colthurst.

Chapel of Dr. Steevens' Hospital.—10, Holy Communion.

St. Thomas's Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. H. W. Donald.

St. Barnabas's Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. D. H. Hall.

Rotunda Hospital Chapel.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, The Chaplain.

Christ Church, Kingstown.—7.30, 8.30 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer.

St. Paul's Church, Glenageary.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

Rathfarnham Parish Church.—8 and 10.15, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. St. Stephen's Day—11.30, Holy Communion.

St. Philip's Church, Milltown.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, The Rector.

Zion Church, Rathgar.—7, 8 and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Holy Communion, Rev. L. Parkinson Hill.

Sandford Parish Church.—7, 8 and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30 Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. W. N. Harvey.

St. Catherine's.—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. J. Purser Shortt.

St. Victor's.—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Canon Thompson.

SS. Philip's and James's, Booterstown.—7, 8, and 10.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. T. A. Harvey.

Clontarf Parish Church.—8 and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Canon Connell.

Harold's Cross Parish Church.—7, 8, and 10, Holy Communion.

Glasnevin Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

Christ Church, Blackrock.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Rev. George R. Elliott.

Tullow Parish Church, Carrickmines.—8, Holy Communion. 11, Matins and Holy Communion.

Kenure Church, Rush.—10, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

St. MacCullin's Church, Lusk.—8.45, Holy Communion. 12, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

St. John's, Monkstown.—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

St. Brigid's, Stillorgan.—8.30 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Anthem, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem."

Mariners' Church, Kingstown.—7, 8, and 10.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; Canon Chamberlain.

Monkstown Church.—7.30 and 8.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES.

Abbey Church, Rutland square.—11, Special Choral Service; Rev. Denham Osborne.

Clontarf.—11, Rev. J. L. Morrow.

Kingstown.—11.30, Rev. F. Stuart Gardiner.

Rathgar (Christ Church).—11.30, Rev. J. J. Macaulay; special music.

METHODIST CHURCHES.

Centenary, St. Stephen's Green.—10.30, Rev. W. J. Oliver.

Sandymount.—11.30, Rev. J. England.

Charleston Road.—11, Rev. R. Lee Cole.

Brighton Road.—8, Rev. J. A. Duke.

Kingstown.—11.30, Rev. R. J. Elliott.

Dalkey.—11.30, Rev. Benson F. Gentleman.

Kingsland Park.—11, Rev. W. B. Lumley.

Clontarf.—10.30, Rev. J. W. Carrothers.

Blackrock.—11, Rev. E. de Courcy.

FREE CHOCOLATES FOR READERS.

Particulars of an offer of free boxes of Senez-Sturbelle chocolates are advertised in our columns to-day by "Uncle Leo," c/o Senez-Sturbelle, 23-24 Wellington quay, Dublin.

A sum of £250 has been cabled for the benefit of the poor and deserving inhabitants of Stafford by Mr. Fred Cull, of Sydney, Australia. This makes a total of nearly £3,000 sent in sums annually by Mr. Cull, who is a native of Stafford.

BROADCASTING

TO-DAY.

LONDON (2LO)—365 Metres.

1.0-2.0—Time Signal from Greenwich. New Gramophone Records. 4.0—"Christmas in Four Corners of the Empire"—Mrs. Elizabeth Keith Morris (Canada), Major A. R. T. Haverfield (Central Africa), Mrs. Mary S. Corbould (India), Dr. J. W. E. Hathaway (Australia). Music by the Radio Quartet. 4.45—Trocadero Tea-time Music. 5.15—From Birmingham. 6.0—Sidney Firman's Cavour Dance Band. 7.0—Time Signal from Big Ben, Weather Forecast, and News. "Christmas Lore and Legend," by A. Bonnet Laird. 7.25—Music. 7.35—Market Prices for Farmers. 7.40—Mr. Kenneth Hare: "A Merry Christmas." 8.0—An Old-Fashioned Christmas Party. Percy Merriman as Host. 9.30—Carols and Waits. Relayed from somewhere in London. 10.0—Time Signal from Greenwich. Weather Forecast and News. 10.15—"The Stranger," a Christmas Play, by L. du Garde Peach. 10.30—The Savoy Bands. 12.0—Time Signal from Big Ben. Close down.

DAVENTRY (5XX)—1,600 Metres.

10.30 a.m.—Time Signal from Greenwich and Weather Forecast. 11.0-1.0—The Radio Quartet and Georgina Tanner (soprano), T. Hindmarch (baritone), Harold Fairhurst (solo violin), Ben Lawes (entertainer). 1.0-2.0 and 4.0-12.0—From London.

BIRMINGHAM (5IT)—479 Metres.

3.45—The Station Pianoforte Quintet. 4.45—Lieut. A. E. Spry, R.N.V.R. (Secretary of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society): "Christmas Time in the Navy." Norah Tarrant (contralto). 5.15—Children. 6.0—Lozell's Picture House Orchestra. William Macready: Recital Talk on "Macduff, Malcolm, and Rosse" ("Macbeth"). 7.0—From London. 8.0—Third Annual Radio-Pantomime-Review, entitled "Christmas Crackles." 10.0-12.0—From London.

BOURNEMOUTH (6BM)—386 Metres.

11.30-12.0 — Reginald Renison (Pianoforte Recital). 4.0—Wireless Orchestra, Pitt & Marks (entertainers). 5.0—Children. 6.30—Music. 7.0—London. Mr. E. Cavan Dance "My Christmas Ghost Story." 7.25—From London. 8.0—"John Citizen" At Home on Christmas Eve, and the Wireless Orchestra. 9.30-12.0—From London.

CARDIFF (5WA)—353 Metres.

11.30-12.30—Lunch-time Music. 3.0—Symphony and Song. Gwen Garland (mezzo-soprano), Kenneth Ellis (baritone), the Station Orchestra. 5.30—Children. 6.15—Christmas Carols by the "5WA" Choir, Frank Thomas (violin), Frank Whitnall (violoncello), Vera McComb Thomas (pianoforte). 7.0-12.0—From London.

MANCHESTER (2ZY)—378 Metres.

11.30-12.30—Concert. 4.30—Talk. 4.45—Auto-Piano Recital by J. Meadows. Edythe Luka (contralto). 5.15—Children. 6.0—From London. 7.25—From London. 8.0—Pantomime. The Manchester Station Comedy Company in "Ali Baba," or "The Forty Black Sheep." 10.0-12.0—From London.

LIVERPOOL (6LV)—315 Metres.

11.30-12.30—Symphony Concert. 4.15—Light Music. 5.15—Children. 6.0—Hermann McLeod (violin), the Newcastle and Gateshead Choral Union. 7.0-12.0—From London.

LIVERPOOL (6LV)—315 Metres.

4.0—Topics. 4.15—Gaillard and Orchestra. 5.15—Children. "Good King Wenceslas." Incidental music by the "6LV" Children's Orchestra. 6.0—From Manchester. 7.0-12.0—From London.

GLASGOW (5SC)—422 Metres.

4.0—The Wireless Quartet. Annie Hamilton (violin). 5.0—Topics. 5.15-6.15—From London. 7.0—From London. Mr. Ralph Buckeridge: "A View on Christmas Shopping." 7.30—From London. 8.0—Reminiscences of By-gone Christmastides. Robert Watson (baritone), the Station Orchestra. 9.30—The Station Choir, in Christmas Carols. 12.0—From London.

BELFAST (2BE)—440 Metres.

4.0—Talk. 4.15—The Station Orchestra, Stirling Mortimer (bass), S. H. Darville (flute), E. J. Harris (clarinet). 5.30-6.15—Children's Letters. 7.0—From London. Mr. Carl Hardebeck on "Gaelic Music" (3). 7.30-12.0—From London.

TO-MORROW.

LONDON (2LO)—365 Metres.

10.15—Bow Bells, followed by (10.35) Bible Reading. 10.30-10.40—Organ Music, relayed from St. Mary-le-Bow. Organist, J. Edgar Humphreys. Chorale Prelude, "In Dulce Jubilo" (Bach). March Triumphale, "Now Thank We All Our God." 3.0-4.15—A Christmas Day Service, including Carols relayed from Canterbury Cathedral. 5.30—Children: A Play, "The Christmas Carol" (after Dickens). 6.30—Dance Music by the Radio Radiance Orchestra. 7.15—"Old Christmas Customs," by E. Le Breton Martin. 7.30 (approx.)—Dance Music (continued). 8.0—Hearth—Home—Happiness. Wynne Ajello (soprano), Dale Smith (baritone). The Wireless Male Voice Chorus; the Wireless Military Band. 9.35—"The Diver," an experience by A. A. Alan. Chorus Songs. (Soloist, Dale Smith.) 10.0—Time Signal from Greenwich, Weather Forecast, and News. 10.15—New Prince's Toronto Orchestra and Alfredo and his Band. 12.0—Don Parker's Piccadilly Hotel Band. 2.0—Close down.

DAVENTRY (5XX)—1,600 Metres.

10.15-10.40, 3.0-4.15, 5.30-2.0 a.m.—From London.

BIRMINGHAM (5IT)—479 Metres.

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BOURNEMOUTH (6BM)—386 Metres.

3.0-4.15 — From London. 5.15-5.45 — Children. 6.30-2.0 a.m.—From London.

CARDIFF (5WA)—353 Metres.

3.0-4.15—From London. 5.30—From London. 5.45-6.0—"The Letter Box." 6.30—From London. 7.30—"A Christmas Pudding" (In aid of the Barry War Memorial). Mavis Bennett (soprano), Blodwen Caerleon (contralto), Robert Pitt and Langton Marks (entertainers). The Station Orchestra. 9.30—From London. 9.45—"A Christmas Pudding" (continued). 10.0-2.0 a.m.—From London.

MANCHESTER (2ZY)—378 Metres.

10.15-10.40 — From London. 3.0-4.15 — From London. 4.15—Mr. J. Cuming Walters: "Christmas Down the Ages." 4.30—Tom Sherlock (baritone); the Station Quartet. 5.15—Children. Punch and Judy Show, a Christmas Tree, and some surprises. 6.0—The Majestic "Celebrity" Orchestra. 7.0—A Reading of O. Henry's Story, "Compliments of the Season." 7.30—Ye Spirit of Christmas. Reginald Whitehead (bass), Arthur Spencer (solo pianoforte), James Bernard (character actor). 8.30 — The Manchester Cathedral Quartet. 10.0-2.0 a.m.—From London.

NEWCASTLE (5NO)—404 Metres.

3.0-4.15—From London. 5.50-2.0 a.m.—From London.

LIVERPOOL (6LV)—315 Metres.

3.0-4.15—From London. 4.15—Station Pianoforte Quartet. 5.15—Children. 6.0—Music. 6.30-2.0 a.m.—From London.

GLASGOW (5SC)—422 Metres. ... ...

3.0-4.15—From London. 5.30-2.0 a.m.—From London.

BELFAST (2BE)—440 Metres.

3.0—From London. 4.15—The Station Orchestra. Norman Grahame (baritone); Mrs. Rooney, of Belfast. 5.30-2.0 a.m.—From London.

POSTAL EMPLOYE REMANDED.

At Cork District Court yesterday Francis Michael O'Connor, Beaumont House, Ballintemple, post office employé, was remanded on a charge of embezzling a number of postal packets, one, addressed to a lady in Youghal, containing £4 10s., and one, addressed to a lady in Macroom, containing £1 10s. in notes. Bails were allowed.

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MR. SPEAKER SPEAKS
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Books of the Week.

MR. SPEAKER SPEAKS.
MEMOIRS OF VISCOUNT ULLSWATER.

Mr. Lowther was not the greatest Speaker of modern times. That honour belongs to Peel. But it would not be unjust to call him the most successful. Since the days of Lenthall and the Long Parliament no Speaker has seen so many changes. When he first entered the Chair Mr. Balfour was Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George sat on the back benches, the Nationalist Party presented an unbroken phalanx of opposition to the smiling Chief Secretaryship of Mr. Walter Long, and Labour had an insignificant handful of members. In his fifteen years of office he witnessed the return of the Liberal Party with an enormous majority, the sbtruggles over the Lloyd George Budget and the Home Rule Bill, the Suffragette riots of 1913, the Great War, and the party truce which it produced, the admission of women to the franchise and to Parliament, the extinction of the Nationalist Party and the reduction of the Liberal Party to a shadow, and through all this welter of change he fulfilled his duty unperturbed. Flags were waved through the grille, women rushed into the House, the Mace was seized by a stranger, men leapt from the gallery, Ministers were howled down and became the target of missiles, but each and every emergency found Mr. Speaker prompt to deal with the offence and resolute to maintain the dignity of the House of Commons.

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For the rest we find in these volumes many pleasant reminiscences, many shrewd estimates of men of note, and a renewed memory of a genial and kindly personality. The reviewer may be permitted, however, to protest against the growing habit of excessive length in memoirs and biographies. All that is interesting and valuable in this book (and there is much that is interesting and much that is valuable) could, by a process of selection, have been confined within the limits of one volume, with a consequent saving of both the time and the purse of the reader.

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Quite a spate of new books in Irish is pouring from the presses. In some ways the most interesting of these books is "*Dochartach Dhuibhlionna*," a collection of short stories by yet another writer from that corner of Donegal which has given so much good writing in recent years, in both Irish and English. The author, Iolann Fionn, breaks new ground. He has a clear, but rich style, and as fine a command of Gaelic idiom as the authors of "*Caisleáin Óir*" and "*Tusa, a Mhaicín*," those spirited novels of the North-West; but he has a psychology that is his own.

The title story is a gloomy piece of introspective writing. A man who is in the shadow of death tells his life story and the story of that crime which has robbed him of all hope. In a word, the story is cast in a style of a last confession. The speaker despairs of salvation, like the man in "Lavengro" who thought he had committed the sin against the Holy Ghost. The narrative ends in a dreadful outcry which shakes the reader like a blasphemy from a lost soul: "O, beloved Mary, from the brink of Hell I implore you, protect me from your avenging Son!"

The writer is in the Gaelic tradition in his diction, but in this Russian-like note of revolt he is strongly individual. We read his tales, then, with an interest that is half curiosity. Each of the four stories has a rugged strength and sometimes a Pagan savagery. The tale, "*Teacht Cheallaigh Mhóir*" tells of an outlaw's defiance of law, his brute vigour and his proud death. All the figures, although they are as passionate as the heroes of antique myth, and use language that is subtle in its expressiveness, are peasant folk, and the life is the life of harvest field, bogside and cottage *céilidhe*, scrawled across with the fierce excesses of the spirit of man. When Iolann Fionn grows milder in theme, we shall expect no inconsiderable writing from his pen. Meanwhile, a translation of these tales, we conjecture, would prick the interest of a world that welcomed Synge and Tchekov.

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For the poets themselves readers can go to the beautiful new edition of Mangan's "Munster Bards"—one of the few Gaelic books which is produced in a form that delights hand and eye. Here we have over 400 pages in a pocket volume, giving scores of songs, mostly of the eighteenth century, with Mangan's sympathetic and sometimes inspired translations, the music of many of the airs, and a scholarly new introduction by Mr. John P. Dalton. This edition is worth adding to one's library for the sake of Mr. Dalton's study of the roots of Irish literature. He traces allusions to the Celts in the classics and shows how Irish literature even in the eighteenth century was conditioned by ancient influences. He also gives a bibliography which will be invaluable to those who desire to go deeply into Irish poetry. Mangan's book is too well known to require further description; but we would take this opportunity to urge the publishers to give us a new edition of the rare supplementary volume edited by the late Dr. Sigerson.

Mr. J. L. O'Sullivan has performed a notable *tour-de-force* in rendering "Macbeth" into Irish, preserving the original rhythm in both verse and prose passages. Such a feat is interesting when it is not carried to the length of being tedious, and, after admiring the Gaelic rendering of several famous passages and learning something from the translator's dexterous turns of language, we feel that the duller, intervening matter should be rendered, not in a blank verse that is strange to Gaelic, but in rhythmic Irish prose. After reading this volume we reflected that the Gaelic Players should stage the play at the Abbey Theatre—we now hear that this actually is to be done. "Macbeth" is congenial to the Gaelic spirit.

Mr. Michael Griffith ("Cos Obann") has written an interesting story of adventure, which he undertook in order to supply reading matter in Irish to rival the sort of book which pleases young people in English. It must be said, however, that the narrative moves somewhat laboriously, and the incidents lack body and vividness. We hope Mr. Griffith will pursue his new vein. One merit of his writing is its straightforward simplicity. His idiom is pure, but his language is never obscure.

"*An Seoidín*" is an attractive school reader, containing many lively new poems for young folk. Pictures would enhance it.

"Dochartach Dhuibhlionna." By Iolann Fionn. Dublin: Cú Uladh. 1/- net.
"Prosóid Gaedhilge." By "Torna." Dublin: Educational Company of Ireland. 3/- net.
"Songs of the Munster Bards." Dublin: Duffy. 6/- net.
"Macbeit." Translated by J. L. O'Sullivan. Dublin: Cahill. 2/6 net.
"Go mBeannuithear Dhuit." By M. O. Griobhtha. Dublin: Educational Company of Ireland. 2/- net.
"An Seoidín." By S. Breathnach and P. O'Cionnaigh. Dublin: Educational Company of Ireland. 6d. net.

THE HISTORY OF THE BRITISH PEOPLE.

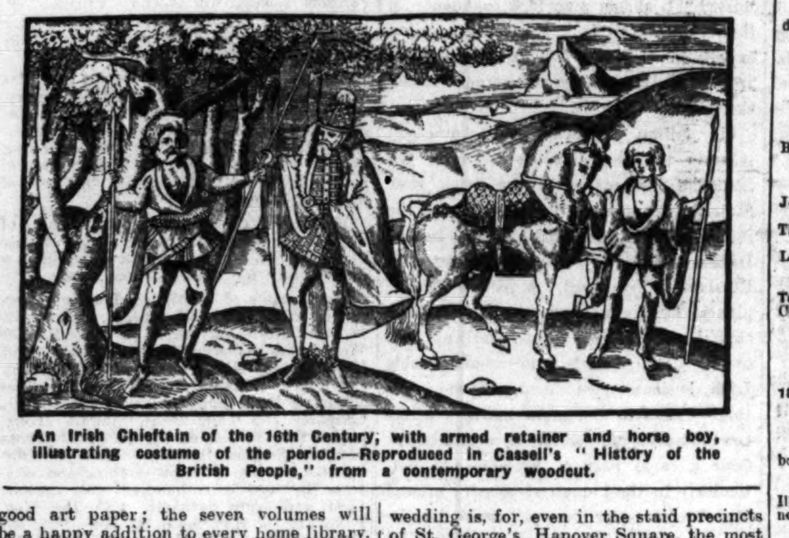
We have examined Cassell's "History of the British People" carefully, and have found in it much to commend and little to condemn. It is beautifully produced with strong, handsome binding and good art paper; the seven volumes will be a happy addition to every home library. Most of us are familiar with similar popular histories, and some would be disposed to believe that a well-illustrated edition of a standard work like Green's "Short History" would be more satisfactory than a new compilation by journalists and professors. On the other hand, it is well to have a summary of modern knowledge which will serve as an unpretentious guide to serious study.

The present work is a "symposium" history, written by nineteen eminent historical writers, each of whom deals with some period or aspect of British history; and the story of the race is brought down from rude and legendary beginnings to the Irish Treaty, with which the last volume closes. The final volume deals with the period from 1914 to the end of the coalition 1922, thus yielding as much space to eight eventful years as the earlier volumes yield to several centuries.

The supreme merit of the edition before us is its admirable illustrations. Old prints are reproduced, giving the student actual contact with the periods described. Illustrations of this sort are far more helpful than reconstructions of historical incidents by modern artists. Good examples are seen in the pictures which illustrate Irish History. The writers deal inadequately with Ireland—they waive aside ancient Irish history as of no account, and neglect to trace Ireland's contributions to the achievements of the peoples of these islands. The illustrations, however, well chosen from old pictures, set before us interesting details of the attire and appearance of the mediæval Irish.

When we come down to modern times the editors give us valuable diagrams illustrating the development of the British system in the five Continents. The maps which so vividly display the progress of colonisation and of federation will prove illuminating to many a young scholar who finds these volumes in his home to help him and encourage him in his historical reading. The last volume draws on war-time photographs and authorised art studies of the war. Mr. Norman Wilkinson's painting, which shows us the Lusitania, a monstrous hulk upended in a smooth sea before its plunge, shocks the imagination, and Mr. Henry Rushbury's painting of the daylight air raid on London of July, 1917, brings home the likeness of the wars of the future, where sunlight lies upon a quiet world, but the blue sky is speckled with the engines of mortal wrath.

"Cassell's History of the British People." By Dr. Ernest Baker, Dr. Ernest Barker, and seventeen others. London: The Waverley Book Company. Seven volumes. £8 5/- net.


An Irish Chieftain of the 16th Century, with armed retainer and horse boy, illustrating costume of the period.—Reproduced in Cassell's "History of the British People," from a contemporary woodcut.

LIFE UNDER THE WATER.

Beneath the whole range of the Mappin terraces stretches the latest marvel of the London "Zoo" the famous Aquarium, where, in hundreds of brilliantly lighted tanks, disport themselves the dwellers of the waters. The onlooker, from the dark corridor which runs down the centre of two rows of tanks, can see ranged on either side the most beautiful and the most repulsive of marine and fresh water creatures. Here are the brilliant coral and delicate angel fishes; the violet-hued fighting fish, on whose combats whole estates have been staked, are in a small tank a little further along; look to your right and you are faced by the repulsive maws of the wolffish and catfish, and to your left, on the other side of the corridor, are writhing the loathsome tentacles of octopus and squid. If after this you want to laugh, it is only a few steps to the home of the sea horses and pipefish, the inborn comicality of whose faces must be the despair of comedians all the world over.

Perhaps, you have no opportunity to visit London—*non cuivis homini contingit adire Corinthum*. Well, here is Mr. Boulenger, the Director of the Aquarium, ready to tell you all about it in a book of some 20[illegible] pages, full of the most excellent illustrations, some photographic and others (which excel even the photographs in their realism), drawings in halftone and line by Mr. Brightwall, whose natural history studies are already widely known. Indeed, you will in many ways learn more from the book than from the aquarium itself.

Did you know that the electric eel was not an eel at all, and that it could give a shock of 400 volts? Or that the oyster and the sword tail fish could settle a problem which was once a very vexed question in Olympus; for in the course of their life they are sometimes male and sometimes female? Or that a certain parasite could reverse the sex of a crab? (Introductions must be puzzling things in the deep sea). Or that when the female seahorse has laid her eggs they are deposited in a pouch in the body of the male, who incubates them till they are hatched? The waters were the original mother of all life, and even now we can trace by the aid of the aquarium the process by which life gradually emerged on dry land. The gobies, through true fishes, can live happily out of water for hours at a time, while the Australian and African lung fishes have developed the organs their name denotes, and can remain away from water for six months at a time.

Most curious of all is the axolote, a water batrachian, fully equipped with gills, that will breed true to type for generations and then suddenly, under the impulse of some stimulus (extract of thyroid gland was found by Professor Huxley to be never failing), will turn into a land salamander, shed its gills, and cheerfully produce salamanders instead of axolotes. Last, and with tears, let us mention the sea squirts, a race which have halted on their road of evolution and basely declined the strife. At one time they were well on the way to developing a backbone, and even now the young have a tail, an eye, an ear and a notochord; but, alas! after a few days they sink to the sea bottom and become mere hardly animated sacks, *sans* tail, *sans* eye, *sans* ear, *sans* anything.

"The Aquarium Book." By E. G. Boulenger. London: Duckworth. 10/6 net.

THE MANNERS AND CUSTOMS OF MAYFAIR.

Mayfair! What memories of Mr. Michael Arlen and those charming, wicked and witty people! The anonymous author of "The Romances of Mayfair" relates the history of many remarkable affairs that have surprised society in recent years." By "society" he means, not so much the *élite* of birth, wealth or talent, as what he calls "the smart world" or "the titled mob," and he writes of it with a high seriousness wholly absent from Mr. Arlen's facetious chronicles. In Mayfair, it would seem, the main object of the unmarried is "to secure a matrimonial prize" (even the "Duchess of Dover, at the mention of money, pricked up her ears"). We learn that "every engagement in society is either a comedy or a tragedy"; and certainly every wedding is, for, even in the staid precincts of St. George's, Hanover Square, the most sensational occurrences are possible. Bridegrooms fail to appear, ladies rise up and "protest against this marriage taking place, in a clear distinct voice which sends a thrill through everyone," foreign princes conclude hasty morganatic alliances, while pursued by detectives, and brides are snatched away in the very teeth of the world of fashion and the penny Press.

"Romances of Mayfair." Anonymous. London: Stanley Paul. 12/6 net.

SHAKESPEARE AND THE VICTORIANS.

There are at least a score of volumes in the Home University Library which rank as classical monographs on the subjects concerned. That books of such standing should be made available in a substantial library *format* is highly desirable, and many a reader will welcome the beautifully bound, gilt-topped edition of which the three first volumes have just appeared.

Mr. Masefield's "Shakespeare" is one of the best books of condensed criticism that we know. Each play is discussed with brief analytical synopsis followed by a penetrating little critical essay. We cannot convey, in the brief space at our present disposal, the value of Mr. Masefield's attitude to the master; but we can cordially recommend the book to every student.

Mr. Chesterton's book on Victorian literature may be described as illumination in lightning flashes. He "hits off" every author with a brilliant phrase, and often burns a new aspect into our minds. The book is valuable as being stimulating and suggestive, although the editors of the series not unreasonably explain that it is "not put forward as an authoritative history."

Mr. Belloc's "French Revolution" is put together in the awkward fashion of essays on the characters, on the political theory, and on the military aspect of the great upheaval, so that it serves best as a commentary to be read with a smoother narrative.

"Shakespeare." By John Masefield. "The Victorian Age in Literature." By G. K. Chesterton. "The French Revolution." By Hilaire Belloc. London: Williams and Norgate. 5/- net apiece.

ESSAYS BY MR. LYND.

It is the marked individuality of Mr. Robert Lynd's essays which constitutes their charm. Those collected in "The Money Box" are, at their best, trifles; but readers will find that when Mr. Robert Lynd elects to write on bed-knobs, or cats, or latchkeys, or any other haphazardly chosen theme he will enrich his theme with a store of pleasing digressions, reminiscences or opinions which will start the reader's mind into a like train of thought.

"The Money Box." By Robert Lynd ("Y.Y.") London: Methuen. 6/- net.

RECENT FICTION.

Valentine is ten years older than his brother, and lavishes upon him a love which is greater than that of a mother. Consequently, when Josephine Dawn, a hard-headed young business woman, plays havoc with young Colin, Valentine suffers agony of misgivings and doubts. Colin's disillusionment and suicide encourage Valentine to embark upon a subtle scheme of revenge, which is complicated by his own growing love for the girl he means to punish. The author exaggerates the feelings of her protagonists to such an extent that her happy ending is as incongruous as it is surprising.

"Valentine." By Phyllis Austin. Hutchinson. 7/6 net.

There are a good many familiar ingredients in Mr. Frederick Brock's "This Reproach," but the reader is prepared to accept even such worn-out devices as mystery of birth, so long as they are handled in a novel and original manner. There is plenty in "This Reproach" to keep the reader's interest alive, and the author, in quietly allowing us to guess the various stages of his plot in advance, in no way hinders our enjoyment. His characters are convincingly drawn, and much is made of the contrast between life in the slums and life in the West End of London.

"This Reproach." By Frederick Brock. Long. 7/6 net.

Prokop is a young scientist who discovers a wonderful explosive with unparalleled potentialities. As one expects in novels of this kind, his discovery leads to a series of international intrigues, which he, in the intervals between being blown up by fragments of his explosive, endeavours to suppress and control. The author evidently intends a parable to be read into his story, but it is of rather an obvious kind and the book would lose nothing by its omission.

"Krakatit." By Karel Capek. Geoffrey Bles. 7/6 net.

In the first rank—if not, indeed, actually the first—of those contemporary novelists whose task it is to purge the weary mind of the reader with laughter is Mr. P. G. Wodehouse; and his latest book, "Sam the Sudden," is, to many people, worth a dozen of the more pretentious psychological novels of to-day. The critic may object that there is a sameness in his plots; and, perhaps, the objection may be allowed, but it is irrelevant. Mr. Wodehouse has a soul above plots; his is the higher ambition—to amuse; and he succeeds every time, and not by the comparatively clumsy device of the farcical incident, but by the happy phrase, the witty turn of speech, by his extraordinarily funny and unexpected "slang." It is due to this fact that his merit consists, not in the story, but in his way of telling it, than one can read him over and over again. He has, however, one grave fault (if it can be laid to his charge). One's friends borrow his books—and fail to return them.

"Same the Sudden." By P. G. Wodehouse. Methuen. 7/6 net.

"Shadowed Blood" is an exceptionally good story, maintaining its tragic grip from first to last. The author's handling of her theme is so deft that it never grates on the sensitiveness of the reader. In portraying Keen's White Kid Maisie, the author draws on a deep knowledge of African customs. She describes the curse that rests on the marriage of a white man with a nigger. Born of a white father and a Zulu mother, Maisie Keen has her father's white skin and beautiful features, allied with a terrible hatred of her own black brothers and sisters and the whole negro race. Outcast from the society of white people, she longs and struggles to be one of them, accepted and unquestioned. How she accomplishes this and at the age of twenty finds herself moving in London society, engaged to the son of a big English family; the manner in which her native birth is discovered, and her return to Africa embittered against, and the enemy of, the white race; the terrible war she wages against them in Africa in conjunction with a witch doctor—these things make an absorbing story that grips and fascinates.

"Shadowed Blood." By A. Elizabeth Douglas. Melrose. 7/6.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

THE WEEK'S BOOKS AT A GLANCE

MISCELLANEOUS.

Maistre Wace: A Pioneer in Two Literatures. By J. H. Philpot, M.D. London: Methuen. 7/6 net.

[A full and well-documented account of a famous figure of the Anglo-Norman renaissance of the 12th century, with verse translations of many passages, and originals.]

Liars and Fakers. By Philip W. Sergeant. London: Hutchinson. 18/- net.

[Deals with some of the best-known liars of history, but concentrates upon the careers of Oates, Dangerfield, Psalmanazar, the pretended Formosan Prince, and William Henry Ireland, who drew the whole of fashionable London to Drury lane to witness his pseudo-Shakespearian play, "Vortigern."]

Murder in Fact and Fiction. By Canon J. A. R. Brookes. London: Hurst and Blackett. 12/6 net.

[A psychological study of murderers in history and fiction.]

How to Write a Short Story. By Michael Joseph. London: Hutchinson. 3/6 net.

Grading Fairy Produce. By G. Sutherland Thomson. London: Crosby Lockwood. 6/- net.

Politicians and the Press. By Lord Beaverbrook. London: Hutchinson. 1/- net.

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY.

The Art of Communing with God: A Short Treatise for Beginners in the Spiritual Life. By a Christian Brother. Dublin: Gill. 3/6 net.

[A work on prayer, intended chiefly "for religious engaged in active life and in contact with the world."]

BIOGRAPHY.

Memoirs of William Hickey. Vol IV. (1790-1809). London: Hurst and Blackett. 21/- net.

[This fourth and concluding volume carries the author's record of his life in East India until his final return to England in 1808.]

Queen Alexandra: the Well-Beloved. By Elizabeth Villiers. London: Stanley Paul. 5/- net.

NATURE AND SPORT.

Country Contentments. By Marcus Woodward. Illustrated by Gwen Evans. London: Bles. 6/- net.

[Charming countryside meditations on the lore of birds' songs, furrow weeds, etc.]

POETRY AND DRAMA.

Poems. By Marie Corelli. London: Hutchinson. 5/- net.

Lighten Our Darkness: More Rhymes of a Padre. By G. A. Studdert-Kennedy ("Woodbine Willie"). London: Hodder and Stoughton. 2/- net.

TRAVEL.

The Argentina of To-day. By L. E. Elliott. London: Hurst and Blackett. 18/- net.

Through the Gates of Memory: From the Bosphorus to Bagdad. By Betty Cunliffe-Owen. London: Hutchinson. 21/- net.

GALWAY COUNTY FINANCES.

LOAN OF £13,000 REFUSED.

At the weekly meeting of the Finance Committee of the Galway County Council, Mr. M. McNeill, Chairman, presiding, the Secretary reported that their Treasurer, the National Bank, had turned down the Council's application for a loan of £13,000 for the construction of the Athenry-Tuam road and the Clifden Waterworks.

Mr. Sweeney asked what was the reason for the bank's refusal of the loan.

Secretary—The bank complains of the Council's excessive indebtedness.

The Chairman said they had hardly enough money to pay the labourers working on the roads. The Committee of the Ballinasloe Asylum required £6,000, and they could not grant it.

The Secretary complained that in connection with the Ballinasloe Asylum finances the Chairman of the Committee, the Bishop of Clonfert, had made belittling remarks about him (Secretary). The bishop was reported as saying, in reference to a conference which he (the Secretary) attended, "What brought Mr. Fogarty here?" On the occasion of the reading of a circular at the County Home meeting urging retrenchment, the bishop also asked, in referring to the circular, "Is that the opinion of the Secretary of the County Council or his own personal opinion?"

Mr. Cahill said that he was sure that the bishop did not mean to make any reflection on Mr. Fogarty.

Secretary—I am not used to that sort of thing, and I ask your protection. It does not matter to me whether the rates have risen £1 or £2. I have to do my job, and it is not fair to have these references made when we are all trying to do the best we can in difficult circumstances.

REPLY TO THE BANK.

The Secretary was directed to reply to the National Bank in the following terms:—The Finance Committee of the Galway County Council require an overdraft of £40,000 to the end of December, and may require it to the end of January, but will try to reduce it to £30,000. The bank is aware that the council are doing everything possible to get in the rates, and the committee are getting somewhat tired of the irritating messages sent to the Treasurer by the directors. With regard to the council's statement dealing with the loans, the committee do not understand the complaint of the directors, that the present indebtedness of the council to the bank is excessive. Whatever the indebtedness is, it is the result of negotiations and agreements with the bank, duly set out in mortgages prepared by the bank's solicitor, and the council have invariably met promptly all claims for principal and interest. The banks are sellers of accommodation and the council have purchased on the bank's own terms and promptly paid the agreed price. The directors write as if they had some grievance against the Galway County Council, whereas the facts are all the other way, and the council have genuine cause for complaint in regard to the most harassing attitude of the banks for which there is no justification.

THE ROOMKEEPERS' SOCIETY.

During the past three weeks the Sick and Indigent Roomkeepers' Society (Incorporated) assisted over 1,000 deserving poor families, the amount expended being £728 13s. The Committee appeals for public assistance in dealing with the huge volume of poverty brought to the Society's notice.

SOME POPULAR MUSIC.

From the Empire Music Publishers we have received some of their latest publications. "Keep your face to the sunshine" is a song that is sure of a popular welcome. The words are by Francis Anderson and the music by Richard Elton. "Chingaloo," "Sammy, put your Tammy on," and "Good owd Lancashire" are three fox-trot songs, while "Why did you make me kiss you?" (Jack Hayward) and "Cuckoo Love" (Theo. Ward and W. W. Ellis) are likely to be favoured in many concert halls.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY (IRELAND).

Christmas Holiday Excursions

On to-day Thursday) and Friday (Xmas Day), 24th and 25th December, Return Tickets at Single Fare and a Third will be issued from and to Dublin, Belfast and Derry with all Stations distant over 10 miles (where Train service permits), available for return up to and including Thursday, 31st inst.

SPECIAL EXCURSION TRAIN
DUBLIN to BELFAST
CHRISTMAS EVE.
On THURSDAY, 24th DEC.,
A SPECIAL EXCURSION TRAIN
WILL RUN FROM
Dublin to Belfast at 4.15 p.m.
by which Excursion Tickets will be issued as under:—

Stations.	Train Times. p.m.	To Belfast and Back. 1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.
*Dublin .... dep.	4.15	30/-	22/6	16/6
Drogheda .. „	4.55	21/9	16/6	12/-
Dundalk .... „	5.25	15/9	11/9	8/9
Belfast .... arr.	7. 5			

Tickets available for return by ordinary Trains (Limited Mail excepted) up to and including TUESDAY, 29th inst.

ON XMAS EVE
A SPECIAL LATE TRAIN
WILL RUN FROM
DUBLIN to BELFAST
At 9.10 p.m.,
CALLING AT—
Drogheda (9.48), Dundalk (10.18), Bessbrook (10.46), Portadown (11.15), Lurgan and Lisburn, and forming a connection at Portadown, with Trains for Armagh and Dungannon.
EXCURSION TICKETS AT SINGLE FARE AND ONE-THIRD
will be issued by this Train, available for return up to and including
THURSDAY, 31st inst.

On BOXING DAY, SAT., 26th DEC.,
A FAST SPECIAL TRAIN
(With Refreshment Car Attached)
WILL RUN FROM
DUBLIN to BELFAST
AS UNDER:—

Stations	Train Times. a.m.	Return Fares. 1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.
Dublin ...... dep.	8.40	22/6	17/6	12/6
Drogheda .. „	9.20	16/6	12/6	9/-
Dundalk ... „	9.50	12/-	8/9	6/-
Belfast ......arr.	11.12			

Tickets available for return by Spl. Train leaving Belfast at 7.0 p.m. on day of issue or by ordinary Trains on SUNDAY, 27th inst.

Breakfast and Light Refreshments will be served on the journey to Belfast, and Dinner on return journey at usual prices.

ALL ABOVE TICKETS CAN BE OBTAINED BEFOREHAND AT THE BOOKING OFFICE, AMIENS STREET, DUBLIN; OR AT MESSRS. THOS. COOK AND SONS, GRAFTON STREET; OR MESSRS. HEWETT'S, D'OLIER STREET.
INTENDING PASSENGERS ARE REQUESTED TO BOOK EARLY.

JOHN BAGWELL, General Manager.

PRODUCE AND FOOD MARKETS.

CATTLE.

DUBLIN METROPOLITAN CATTLE, North Circular road, Wednesday.—Usually in the Christmas week our live-stock market partakes more or less of a holiday character. The market to-day (Wednesday) was moved from the usual weekly fixture of Thursday for the convenience of the trade. This was rather fortunate with regard to cattle, as it gave exporters some opportunity to fulfil commissions; and they were our best customers, especially for bullocks. Very few fresh consignments came in, as, last week's market being so discouraging, country people were advised to be careful in sending along drafts of both cattle and sheep. Consequently the gathering to-day was principally composed of the overplus of unsold stock from Thursday, and the numbers, although being considerably less than last week, were yet beyond what was generally anticipated for this uncertain market. Anything unsold to-day was certainly of commonplace and inferior character. Montreal advices of shipments of cattle this week are 2,576 head, principally for Liverpool and Glasgow. Prices show a fall of inside 20 to 30 cents per 100lbs. Best-class steers figure from $8.30 to $8.65, medium to good classes $7.50 to $8.00; bulls from $4.75 to $5.75 per 100lbs. It has been remarked that recent arrivals of Canadian cattle have been rather plainer than usual, and are not so much run on, although still getting preference over Irish, on the points in question of hardship and bruises which the latter show in carcase.

	Numbers on sale this week as compared with last.	Corresponding weeks of 1924.	1923.
Cattle	1,891, decrease 4,323	1,577	3,706
Sheep	1,698, decrease 4,409	1,705	3,660
Veal calves..	5, decrease 2	—	—

There was a surprisingly good trade for cattle, especially fair to good quality bullocks, and, although heifers in the early stages of market attracted poor attention, they subsequently came more into their own and figured par with best class of steers. The carry-over of stallfeds from last week averaged from 47s. 6d. to 50s. per cwt. for best run, whilst a few specially good fresh arrivals figured occasionally up to 52s. and 53s. per cwt. Fair run of bullocks made 42s. 6d. to 46s. 6d. on foot, and plainer types around 40s. to 42s. per cwt. Of course, last week's depressed and apathetic trade left little opening for comparison with to-day's prices. At the same time, we may mention that some cattle bid for last day secured to-day 30s. to 60s. per head more than was previously obtainable. We merely mention this, not, as we say, that there was any opportunity for real comparison. Very few fat bulls on market, but beef cows were fairly plentiful and sold disappointingly. For best, prices were within 35s. to 38s. per cwt.; others difficult to quote for and some remained unsold.

In the ovine department there was practically nothing doing for shipment, but for local requirements demand was much stronger for hogget lambs, and these were placed to much more advantage than previously. Nice quality wethers, too, were taken up in small numbers here and there, but for ordinary descriptions of sheep, especially rough classes of ewes, there was little trade, and many lots of such sheep, which have been re-entered on our markets for the last two or three weeks, were again amongst the unsold lots. There was little test of prices of mutton; for best qualities values would, no doubt, work out on much the same basis as previously.

DUBLIN DAIRY CATTLE.—Very small gathering of dairy cows on market, and few buyers about. No sales of interest; in fact, few beasts changed ownership. Heifer milchers, however, now that foot-and-mouth disease is subsiding in cross-Channel shires, show an improving disposition.

DUBLIN PIG.—The 175 head of swine put forward on this market were practically absorbed by local pork butchers, and market, although showing an easier undertone, presented no feature of general interest, nor did sales warrant any specific scale for quotations.

WAKEFIELD.—Owing to the restrictions on account of foot-and-mouth disease the market was again closed, dealers still declining to bring their stock to the market, in view of the fact that cattle have to be sold for immediate slaughter.

EDINBURGH.—Owing to stormy weather trade was very dull and supplies short. Polled bullocks sold to £21, stirks to £12 10/-, best Cumberland cows £35 to £42. No demand for sheep.

GLASGOW.—Numbers were larger yesterday, but the average quality was very good. Top quality bullocks and heifers, extreme top 76/-, and from 67/- to 72/-, secondary from 58/- per cwt. liveweight upwards. Average supplies of sheep, prices for all classes being around those ruling last week.

GRAIN.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES (BALTIC).—WHEAT—A holiday tone pervaded the market for floating and forward cargoes, but prices ruled steady, while a shade firmer for North American descriptions. No. 1 Northern Manitoba December sellers 60/9, No. 2 do. 59/9, white Pacific January 60/6, Australian January 60/6, Barusso 63½lbs. January-February 59/-, 62½lbs. loading 60/9 and do. January-February 58/-. Parcels firmer; No. 1 New South Wales afloat per Ferndale sold 59/6, South Australian loading per Lycaon at 60/-, Barusso 63½lbs. January-February sellers 58/3, No. 1 Northern Manitoba December-January sold 60/6, January 60/3 to 61/3 per 480lbs. MAIZE—Cargoes dull and tendency of prices in buyers' favour. The Izrada 5,925 tons Plate 21st November bill of lading sold 35/7½, steamer 5,500 tons do. February-March at 37/3, Dan.-Gal.-Fox loading, also January-February sellers 36/3, February-March 35/9. Parcels dull; Plate December-January sellers 35/9, January-February 36/-, February-March 36/6 paid per 480lbs. BARLEY dull and value weak. Parcels of Black Sea January sellers 29/3, Dan.-Bess.-Kus. January 29/3. No. 3 Canadian Western January 30/6 per 400lbs. OATS inactive; Plate arrived sellers 23/6, January-February 22/-, No. 2 Canadian Western January 27/9, No. 2 white clipped American 38lbs. December 25/6 per 320lbs.

MARK LANE CORN.—A holiday tone prevailed, only a small number of buyers being present, and prices marked a further slight decline for all cereals. WHEAT quiet and easier; No. 1 Northern Manitoba ex ship to arrive quoted 63/-, No. 2 ditto 62/-, No. 3 61/-, No. 2 mixed Durum 59/6, Barusso (62½lbs.) ex ship 63/- per 496lbs.; English quoted 12/- to 12/3 per 112lbs., f.o.r. FLOUR dull; London standard grade quoted 49/-, patents 51/- to 52/-, town whites 49/- per sack delivered in the home counties, with 6d. to 1/- per sack less for deliveries in the London districts. Of imported, Manitoba patents range from 46/- to 49/-, Minneapolis 48/- to 49/-, Australian 46/- to 46/6 per 280lbs. ex store. MAIZE tends easier; Plate ex ship to arrive quoted 36/9, landed 39/3, white flat African ex ship 36/3, landed 38/3 per 480lbs.; yellow African maize meal ex ship to arrive £9, white ditto £8 5/- per ton. BARLEY weak; Californian ex store quoted 38/- to 50/-, Chilean Chevalier 58/- to 63/-, brewing 50/- to 53/- as to quality, Australian Chevalier 50/- to 58/- ex store, Danish ex ship 45/- to 60/- per 448lbs.; American malting ex ship 29/6, No. 3 Canadian Western ex ship 32/6, Russian ex ship 28/6, landed 30/- per 400lbs.; English quoted 8/10 to 17/6, as to quality, per 112lbs. OATS easier; Plate ex ship quoted 24/3, landed 25/9, No. 2 Canadian Western ex ship to arrive 29/3, No. 2 Canadian feed ex ship 25/3, landed 26/6, No. 3 white clipped American (38lbs.) ex ship to arrive 25/-, landed 26/3, all per 320lbs.; Danzig ex ship 28/6 to 29/6 per 336lbs.; English quoted 9/- to 9/8 per 112lbs., f.o.r. MILLERS' OFFALS quiet. Broad bran quoted 8/6 to 8/9, middlings 8/3, fine ditto 10/6, bags included, ex mill; powdered oat husks 6/3, feed oatmeal 7/9, ground oats 12/3 per cwt., f.o.r. OATMEAL steady; London made flaked 18/-, rolled oats 17/-; medium, also fine cut, 17/-; coarse, also medium, pinhead 17/-, ex mill; ordinary Scottish oatmeal 17/6. American ditto 16/- per cwt. London arrivals—English wheat 850, malt 1,910 qrs.; foreign wheat 86,630, barley 490, oats 39,270, maize 12,290, beans 251, peas 9,970 qrs.; flour 5,030 sacks.

GLASGOW.—Wheat steadier, but quiet. No. 1 Manitoba 61/9 December and January. Maize in moderate demand at unchanged prices. Oats slow and unaltered. Barley inactive. Flour—Quiet trade at last prices.

LIVERPOOL CORN.—This market will be closed on Christmas and Boxing Days. The bullish American Bureau report had a strengthening effect here, and forward deliveries of WHEAT advanced considerably during early trading, then fluctuated fairly, and during late afternoon again jumped sharply on strong cables, and although finishing under best, showed a heavy gain on last night. C.i.f. parcels No. 1 Manitoba afloat sold at 59/6 to 60/-, January 60/6 to 60/7½, No. 2 tough afloat 57/-, Vancouver afloat 59/3, and No. 1 dark spring 15th January 57/6 per qr. C.i.f. parcels MAIZE River Plate December-January sold at 36/- to 35/9, January-February 36/-, February-March 36/7½ per qr. Wheat on the spot scarce and more or less nominal. Maize spot parcels steady at 7/11 to 7/11½ per cental for River Plate. FLOUR showed no material change. Wheat futures opened 2d. dearer, gained a further ½d., then fluctuated fairly, but rapidly moved upwards in late afternoon owing to strong cables, finishing under best, though 3½d. to 4½d. over Tuesday night. Sales, 250 loads. Closing values—December 12/5¼, March 12/3¼, May 11/10½, July 11/7. Parcels No. 1 Manitoba afloat sold 60/-. Parcels American mixed maize December-January 34/-.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL.—This market will be closed on Christmas and Boxing Days. The near approach of the holidays has caused a quieter feeling in all departments. Irish and Danish BACON meets little inquiry, but late prices are nominally repeated. Canadian Wiltshires dull, but not quotably lower. The market for American bacon here is inactive, and, with holders offering more freely, prices are reduced about 1/- to 2/- per cwt. Singed Wiltshires quoted 112/- to 114/-, backs 112/- to 116/-, bellies 110/- to 114/-, light Cumberlands 105/- to 108/-, heavier averages 107/- to 109/- per cwt. HAMS quiet at late prices for short cut, which are relatively scarce, but long cut easier at 115/- to 120/-, and extra skinned 128/- to 131/- per cwt. Shoulders also easier for squares at 92/- to 96/- per cwt., with New Yorks and picnics still nominal. LARD on the spot rules quiet, but steady, at unchanged prices. CHEESE quiet and easier, finest white being reduced to 106/- to 108/-, coloured 107/- to 109/-, and late makes 103/- to 105/- per cwt. BUTTER quiet and easy, Danish being reduced to 176/- to 180/- and Siberian 148/- to 152/- per cwt. EGGS steady at 27/- to 28/- per 120 for fresh Irish hen, 17/6 to 17/9 cold stored, and 8/9 to 9/- Egyptian.

LONDON CENTRAL MEAT (SMITHFIELD).—Supplies to market yesterday, 1,533 tons, made up as follows—322 tons British and Irish produce and 1,211 tons imported. BEEF—Light fresh killed and chilled supplies ample for a dull trade. Prices finished weaker. Scotch short sides 6/8 to 7/8; ditto long 6/- to 6/8, English ditto 5/- to 6/4, Argentine hind quarters (chilled) 4/2 to 4/10, ditto fore quarters 2/10 to 3/2. MUTTON—Moderate supplies of fresh killed; trade fair and prices firm. Frozen in light supply; trade moderate. Scotch 6/8 to 8/-, ditto tegs 7/8 to 9/8, English 6/4 to 7/8, ditto ewes 4/- to 4/4; New Zealand wethers 4/4 to 5/2, ditto ewes 3/2 to 3/10; Australian wethers 3/6 to 4/8. LAMB—New Zealand 5/8 to 7/8, Australian 5/4 to 6/8. PORK—Heavy supplies met a dull trade at lower prices. English best, under 10st. 8/- to 9/-, 10 to 15st. 7/8 to 8/4, 15 to 20st. 7/- to 7/6, over 20st. 6/8 to 7/-; sows (fat) 6/4 to 6/8, Dutch 7/4 to 9/-, frozen 6/8 to 7/4. VEAL—Short supply ample for demand; English, fat 6/- to 8/8, ditto bobbies 4/- to 5/-; Dutch, fat 6/8 to 8/3, ditto bobbies 4/- to 4/3. EGGS—Fair request for all varieties at late rates. Supplies good. Per 120 English new laid 28/6 to 29/6, Irish new laid 26/6 to 27/6, Belgian 27/6 to 28/-; Danish, 15½lbs. 27/- to 28/-, 18lbs. 30/- to 31/-, Dutch, mixed 25/- to 28/-, brown 30/- to 31/6; French, mixed 25/- to 26/6, brown 30/- to 31/-, Italian 20/- to 24/-, Australian 22/- to 23/-, Californian 20/- to 20/6, American 18/- to 18/6, Argentine 15/- to 16/6, Lithuanian 17/6 to 19/6, Styrian 17/- to 18/6, Polish 15/6 to 17/-, Chinese 13/- to 15/6, Russian (fresh) 14/6 to 17/6, Egyptian 11/- to 11/3. Duck eggs—English 25/- to 26/-, Dutch new laid 19/- to 22/-. POULTRY, GAME and RABBITS—Good demand for light offerings of poultry of all descriptions; prices generally firmer. Game met a good inquiry at late rates. Rabbits sold slowly at previous value. At per lb. or each, as the case may be, as follows:—Surrey chickens (per lb.) 1/7 to 1/10, country 1/4 to 1/8, Irish 1/4 to 1/6, Belgian 1/6 to 1/8, Dutch 1/4 to 1/6, American 1/3 to 1/5, Hungarian 1/2 to 1/4; English hens (old) 11d. to 1/1, Irish 10d. to 1/-; Aylesbury ducklings 1/5 to 1/8, country 1/4 to 1/6; English geese 1/2 to 1/4, Dutch 1/- to 1/2, French 1/1 to 1/2; English turkeys 1/8 to 2/-, Irish 1/7 to 1/10, French 1/6 to 1/9, Italian 1/5 to 1/8, Hungarian 1/4 to 1/6; hares 1/2 to 1/4, wild duck 1/9 to 2/-; wild rabbits (per lb.) 8d. to 9d., tame 9d. to 11d., tame live 7d.; Australian frozen rabbits (per case of two dozen), special blues, 3lbs. and over 42/-, 2½lbs. 36/- to 38/-, 2lbs. 31/- to 32/-, 1½lbs. 20/- to 21/-; reds, 2½lbs. 31/- to 32/-, 2lbs. 24/- to 26/-, 1½lbs. 19/- to 20/-. LIVE POULTRY—Hens, large heavy fat (per lb.) 10d. to 1/-, small or plain 8d.; cockerels, heavy breeds 1/1 to 1/3, light 1/-; ducklings, large 1/2 to 1/3, small 8d.; ducks, old fat 8d. to 9d., medium 7d.; goslings, fat 1/- to 1/2, plain 8d.; geese, old, 7d.; turkeys, young 1/3 to 1/8, old 9d. to 10d.; pigeons (each) 6d.

LONDON.—EGGS—A fair demand was in evidence during the week, and a steady tone governed the market, with arrivals on a moderate scale. Quotations:—English 30/- to 31/-, Danish 18lb. 29/-, 16lb. 25/6 to 26/-; Dutch all-brown 30/- to 32/-, mixed 24/- to 26/-; French all-brown, finest 27/- to 28/-, medium 20/- to 22/-, mixed 20/- to 22/-; Brittany 18/-, Belgian 26/- to 27/-; Italian—Northern 17lb. (new laid) 25/-, 16lb. 23/-, 15lb. 21/- to 22/-, Southern 18/- to 19/-; turkey eggs 25/- to 26/-, pickled eggs 12/6 to 12/9; Styrian hen (new laid) 18/- to 19/-, Jugo-Slavian, Servian, also Hungarian 17/- to 18/-; Russian bests 15/- to 17/-, ditto ordinary 13/6 to 14/6; Argentine 13/- to 14/-; Australian 23/- to 25/-, Egyptian 8/9 to 10/6, all per 120. BUTTER market continues dull and depressed, prices being further reduced for most descriptions. There are large arrivals from Australia and New Zealand, also the Argentine, with increased quantities now diverted to the United Kingdom from Denmark owing to marked falling off for same in German demand. Cold stored butter still proves very difficult to vend. New Zealand finest salted quoted 162/- to 168/-, good to fine 150/- to 160/-, unsalted 166/- to 172/-; Australian finest salted 156/- to 160/-, good to fine 144/- to 152/-, inferior 134/- to 142/-, unsalted from 156/- to 162/-; Argentine finest unsalted 140/- to 146/-, good to fine 130/- to 138/-; Danish 172/- to 174/-, Dutch 182/- to 186/-, French salted 131/-, Esthonian 160/- to 165/-, Latvian 156/- to 160/-, Siberian 136/- to 150/- per cwt.; Dutch rolls 21/- to 22/-, French do. 21/- to 23/- per dozen lbs. CHEESE—English firm in value; market barely steady for Colonial, and Dutch is easier. English finest farmers quoted 140/- to 145/-, fine 125/- to 135/-, loaf 135/- to 145/- per cwt.; Stilton 1/2 to 1/9 per lb.; Canadian white and coloured 98/- to 110/-, New Zealand do. 99/- to 102/-, Dutch—Edam 40 p.c. 90/- to 96/-, 30 p.c. 79/- to 83/-, 20 p.c. 64/- to 70/-; Gouda 45 p.c. 108/-, 40 p.c. 95/- to 98/-, 30 p.c. 82/-, 20 p.c. 66/- to 69/- per cwt. BACON market quietly steady; lean bacon is scarce and wanted, as most of the arrivals consist of stout and heavy selections, which are only saleable at barely late rates. English quoted 136/- to 140/-, Irish 128/- to 140/-, Danish 129/- to 134/-, Swedish 114/- to 131/-, Dutch 114/- to 130/-, Canadian 120/- to 128/-, Latvian 112/- to 124/-, Esthonian 116/- to 124/-, Russian 110/- to 118/- per cwt. HAMS—Light-weights of American scarce and in demand, but others quiet. English quoted 175/- to 224/-, as to weight; Canadian long cut 120/- to 126/-, short 124/- to 126/-; American long 120/- to 142/-, short 120/- to 140/- per cwt. LARD market quietly steady; American boxes 76/- to 78/-, pails 81/6, cartons 81/- to 82/-; Danish bladders 88/- per cwt.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—The fair arrival of vegetables on market was readily cashed at following prices:—York cabbage 20/- to 42/-, Savoy 20/- to 27/- per load; Swede turnips 1/8 to 2/- per cwt.; cauliflowers 3/- to 3/6 per dozen; celery 2/- to 5/9, sprouts 7/- to 8/- per float; turnips 3d. to 6d. per bunch; thyme 6d. to 8d., parsley 8d. to 10d. per tray; sage 6d. to 8d. per bundle.

DUBLIN POTATO.—Supplies of potatoes keep very ample. Fair sale for tubers of known satisfactory character, but generally stocks are reducing slowly. Prices unchanged for city trade, still inside 4/- to 4/6 and 5/- per cwt.

CORK BUTTER.—The market has undergone no noteworthy change. Creameries 176/- to 180/- per cwt., choicest salted 176/-, special dairies extra; farmers' fresh packages 164/-.

DUBLIN FISH.—Yesterday's market comprised 127 boxes on two steamers, 6 chests lobsters, 150 packages herrings, 19 boxes mackerel, and a small arrival from the usual country and local hookers and wind trawls. Most of the steamer catch was again composed of small and inferior whiting of practically unnegotiable quality, and which was scattered in some cases round the market. Head fish sold fairly well. Prices:—Large lobsters 15/- to 20/-, seconds 10/- to 12/6, smalls 5/- to 7/6 per lot of 13; large soles 30/- to 40/-, mediums 15/- to 17/6 and slips 2/6 to 5/- per 9 pairs; large plaice 6/- to 8/- per 4, medium 6/- to 8/- per 8; turbot 6d. to 10/- each; brill 6d. to 5/- each; plaice per half-box 25/- to 90/-; codfish 16/- to 35/-, whiting 3/- to 10/-, white soles 20/- to 25/-, congers 10/- to 15/-, ray 12/6 to 16/-, haddocks 20/- to 25/-, pollock 7/- to 12/6, hake 10/- to 30/-, ling 5/- to 12/6, gurnard 2/- to 3/- per half-box; herrings averaged 11/- to 15/- per box and mackerel 9/- to 10/- per box.

BILLINGSGATE FISH.—Supply fair; demand moderate. Soles 17d. to 21d., slips 16d. to 21d. per lb.; live eels 20/- to 32/-, dead 16/- to 22/- per draught; turbot 18/- to 23/-, brill 13/- to 16/-, plaice 10/- to 16/-, halibut 15/- to 22/-, lemon soles 13/- to 17/-, whitches 7/- to 13/-, whiting 4/- to 7/-, hake 8/- to 10/-, skate 5/- to 7/-, cod 4/- to 6/-, haddocks 5/- to 8/- per stone.

PRODUCE.

LONDON.—SUGAR—Spot parcels steady at late rates, with a moderate demand for British. Imported meet a slow trade while feeling competition of English-grown granulated. Forward positions fully steady. White terminal firmer; December sold 13/10½, March 14/4½ to 14/5¼, May 14/9 and 14/9¾, August 15/3¼ to 15/5¼. SPICE—Pepper stronger; Lampong f.a.q. January-March sold 1/6½, Muntok L. 8. do. 1/9, March-May 1/9½. Cloves dull. Sago flour January-March 15/4½. JUTE—Market firmer; firsts January-February sold £55 to £55 5/-, February-March £56. HEMP—Manila firm, quiet; J January-March quoted £46, L sellers £40. COPRA again slow and barely steady; F.M.S. Straits January-March to Rotterdam sellers £30. PALM KERNELS January-March Liverpool £21 2/6.

RUBBER unsettled and easier. Spot plantation sold 3/10 to 3/10½, December 3/10, January 3/9½ to 3/8¼, January-March 3/8 to 3/7 and 3/7¼, April-June 3/5 to 3/4. OILS—Linseed easier, but slightly irregular; spot quoted 34/6, January-April sold 32/9 to 32/10½, 32/7½, May-August 32/6 to 32/9, 32/7½. Rape, cotton and castor unaltered. Coconut steady; Ceylon spot pipes 48/-, forward 47/6. Turpentine quiet; American spot 68/-, January-April 68/6 per cwt. Petroleum steady; American standard white spot 1/-, water white 1/1 per gallon. OILSEEDS—Linseed dull and weaker on pressure to sell new crop Plate; Calcutta to London December-January sellers £19 7/6, April-May new £18 2/6. Plate to Hull December-January old £16 7/6, January-February, also February-March new crop sold £16 7/6 to £16 5/-. Plate inactive; Toria to Continent December-January sellers £21, B. B. Ferozepore do. £20 10/-, brown Cawnpore do. £20. Cottonseed quiet; Egyptian black to Hull January sellers £9 10/-, white do. £8 7/6, Bombay December-January old sellers £7 10/-, new January-February £7 17/6. Castor weak; Bombay December-January to Hull sellers £18 10/- per ton. TALLOW—No auctions held, and privately only a retail business passing at about late rates. Quotations—Australasian mutton fair to fine 43/- to 48/6, beef do. 41/- to 46/-, mixed fair to good 41/- to 43/-, gut 37/- to 40/6 per cwt.

LIVERPOOL.—TALLOW quiet, with prices rather favouring buyers. Business done in South American Saladero-Digster and/or Sansinena Barracas beefs December-January-February shipment at 41/6 c.i.f. Liverpool and 41/7½ c.i.f. Continent, and weak Frigorific beefs December-January sold at 41/6 per cwt. c.i.f. Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL WHITE SUGAR TERMINAL.—The following were yesterday's official call prices of the United Sugar Terminal Market Association, Liverpool Branch:—Morning—December 13/10½ value; March, 1926, 14/4½ ditto; May, 1926, 14/9 ditto; August, 1926, 15/3½ ditto; September, 1926, 15/5½ ditto. Tone steady. Afternoon—December 13/10½ value, March, 1926, 14/5½ ditto; May, 1926, 14/9½ ditto; August, 1926, 15/3½ ditto; September, 1926, 15/6 ditto. Tone steady. The following are Messrs. Tate and Lyle's (Ltd.) quotations:—Crystals—No. 1 30/6, small No. 1 30/-, No. 2 28/9, bright 28/7½. Granulated—Standard 28/6, H.T.S. 28/7½, coarse 28/10½, fine 28/10½ ex refinery Liverpool, less 1½ p.c. discount. Cubes ex refinery in London—First quality 31/9, H.T.S. 31/6, afternoon tea 32/6, less 1½ p.c. discount.

CLYDE CRUSHED SUGAR.—No change to report in this market; business fair and prices steady.

MISCELLANEOUS

LIVERPOOL COTTON. — American futures opened easier, but improved afterwards on trade calling. Business, however, was disappointing, and values subsequently eased again. Closed quiet. Spot sales, 6,000 bales, sales for export included in above, 200 bales. American futures—Tendency quiet: December 9.50d., January 9.47d., February 9.45d., March 9.49d., April 9.47d., May 9.50d., June 9.48d., July 9.49d., August 9.42d., September 9.38d., October 9.35d., November 9.28d., December 9.28d. Egyptian futures (basis F.G.F. Sakels)—Tendency quiet: January 15.65d., February 15.65d., March 15.65d., October 16.50d., November 16.50d.

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LONDON METALS MARKET.

TIN BETTER.

The market for TIN displayed firmer features on improved inquiries combined with higher Eastern cables, while silver also showed more reserve. On balance cash, also forward, improved 15/- per ton on previous close. Standard cash quoted £285 5/- to £285 10/-, three months £279 5/- to £279 10/-, settlement price £285 10/-. 600 tons changed hands; cash at £285 to £285 15/-, and finally at £285 10/-; three months £278 to £279 10/-, and finally £279 5/-. English ingots quoted £285 10/- to £286. COPPER easier on some pressure to sell, though offerings were well absorbed. Cash on balance ruled 7/6 and forward 10/- per ton lower. Standard cash quoted £59 15/-, £59 12/6 and £59 13/9, three months £60 17/6 to £60 13/9; electro quoted £65 10/- to £66, wire bars £66. LEAD firmer and more business done. 1,500 tons sold; good soft foreign pig December at £34 17/6 to £34 15/-, January £34 17/6, £34 18/9, £34 17/6, February £34 13/9, March £34 12/6 and £34 8/9, settlement price £34 15/-. English quoted £35 15/-. SPELTER steady, with declines on a fairly liberal scale; 800 tons sold, January at £38 2/6 to £38 3/9, February £37 16/3, March £37 7/6 to £37 10/-, April £37 6/3 to £37 7/6, settlement price £38 7/6 per ton. TIN PLATES, also QUICKSILVER, unaltered. ANTIMONY—China crude afloat sellers £64, Regulus £90 to £92 per ton c.i.f. and 1/. Wolfram forward 22/6 to 23/- buyers; antimony ore afloat 9/- to 9/6 per unit.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT.

EX-TREASURER OF BUFFALO LODGE CHARGED.

William J. Webster, formerly Treasurer of the Omagh Lodge of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, was returned for trial at Omagh, yesterday, on the charge of embezzling £27 13s. 7d., the property of the Lodge. Bail was fixed at £40, with two sureties of £20 each.

Herbert Middleton, Secretary of the Lodge, stated that the Lodge was formed on the 18th March last, and on 30th March the defendant was appointed Treasurer. Subscriptions were taken up at the weekly meetings and handed to the defendant, whose instructions were to lodge all moneys over £1 in a bank. He never opened a banking account, and never accounted for the money handed to him or for the Lodge property. The defendant also failed to account for £21 16s., the proceeds of a concert. The witness gave him £2 to buy a wreath, but prisoner had not paid for it.

Thomas A. Henderson, the present Treasurer, said that the defendant did not hand over to him either the books or the moneys.

ATTACK ON PRISON WARDERS.

SEVERE SENTENCES AT GLASGOW

At the Glasgow High Court yesterday, the trial concluded of four prisoners from Berlinnie Prison who were charged in connection with a disturbance in the prison store yard in October, when three warders were injured with hammers.

Ralph Bowman was sentenced to six years' penal servitude, Bernard Hickey and Thomas M'Intosh received three years' penal servitude, and Peter Sutherland was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment. The prisoners smiled at the sentences.

The disturbance originated with Sutherland refusing to do his work. A general *fracas* ensued, in which Warder Rankin was felled by Bowman's hammer.

BUTTER INSPECTION IN BELFAST

Under the Ministry's scheme for improving the quality and marketing of dairy produce in connection with creameries, a surprise butter inspection was held in Belfast on Saturday last. Twenty-three samples of butter (two 1lb. rolls) were examined, the judges being Mr. John Arnott, Varner street, Belfast, and Mr. John Henderson, St. George's Market, Belfast. The results of the adjudication of the samples were as follows:—

Premium, 19; standard, 2; below standard, 2. Total, 23.

The judges observed that the quality of the butter was exceptionally good for the time of the year.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

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THE HOME OF PANTOMIME.
SATURDAY NEXT, DEC. 26th, AT 2 O'CLOCK
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Production of the Grand Annual Pantomime,
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Sunday, December 27th, being the twenty-first Anniversary of the Opening of the Theatre, there will be a Special Performance on that night of "The Hour Glass," by W. B. Yeats; "In the Shadow of the Glen," by J. M. Synge; and "Hyacinth Halvey," by Lady Gregory.
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Special Evening Lecture on Tuesday, at 8.15 p.m.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

THE PRO-CATHEDRAL.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

HIGH MASS AT 6 O'CLOCK.
MASSES EVERY HALF HOUR UNTIL 12 O'CLOCK.

At the 12 o'clock High Mass
HIS GRACE THE ARCHBISHOP
Will preside and preach.

BENEDICTION AFTER MASS.

COUNTY BOROUGH OF DUBLIN.
NOTICE TO MOTORISTS.

Notice is hereby given that the Office for Registration and Licensing of Motor Cars, and the issue of Drivers' Licences will be closed from 12 noon on Thursday, 24th inst., to 10 a.m. on Monday, 28th inst., and also on Friday, 1st January 1926.

JOHN J. MURPHY, Town Clerk.
26 Castle street.
23rd December, 1925.

THE DUBLIN SAVINGS BANK,
LOWER ABBEY STREET
(Established 1818).
Certified under the 26th and 27th Vic., cap. 87.

21st November, 1925.

In conformity with the Act 26th and 27th Victoria, cap. 87, Sec. 6, the Trustees and Managers of this Bank hereby require the depositors to produce their Pass Books for Examination by the Auditor, James A. Kinnear, F.S.A.A., on any of the following days:—

Monday, 28th December, 1925.
Tuesday, 29th December, 1925.
Wednesday, 30th December, 1925.
Thursday, 31st December, 1925.
Saturday, 2nd January, 1926.
From Half-past 2 till 5 p.m.

The attention of Depositors is specially directed to the duty of producing their Books for Examination at the Bank each year as required by Rule 26, Sec. 7, for the purpose of testing the correctness of their accounts.

By Order,
WALTER E. ROGERS, Actuary.

SERMONS.

METHODIST CHURCH,
STEPHEN'S GREEN.
CHRISTMAS DAY, 1925.
SERVICE IN THIS CHURCH, COMMENCING AT 10.30 A.M.
ANTHEM FROM "MESSIAH."
Preacher: REV. W. J. OLIVER.
"THERE WERE SHEPHERDS," &c.

MAGDALEN CHURCH.
8 and 11.30—Holy Communion.
Anthem—"For behold, darkness shall cover the earth" (Handel).

PUBLIC NOTICES.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

DUBLIN PORT & DOCKS ACTS, 1898 TO 1925.

ELECTION OF ELECTIVE MEMBERS.

THE DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD HEREBY GIVE NOTICE

1.—That an Election of FOUR TRADERS' MEMBERS and FOUR SHIPPING MEMBERS OF THE DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD will be held between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, the 12th day of January, 1926, at the PORT AND DOCKS OFFICES, 20 WESTMORELAND STREET, DUBLIN.

2.—Each Candidate must be nominated by writing, subscribed by two Electors as Proposer and Seconder, and the Nomination Paper must be duly signed by the Candidate or some person duly authorised by him in writing for such purpose as consenting to such Nomination.

3.—The Nomination Paper must state the surname and other names of the Candidate with his abode or place of business and description, and must specify whether the Candidate is proposed as a "TRADERS' Member" or as a "SHIPPING Member," and the Nomination Paper may be in the following form, or to the like effect:

NOMINATION PAPER—DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS ACTS, 1898 TO 1925.
Election of ELECTIVE Members of the Board,
To be held on Tuesday, the 12th day of January, 1926.

We, the undersigned, being respectively Electors, hereby nominate the following Person as a Candidate:—

Surname.	Other Names.	Abode or Place of Business.	Description.
Smith	William Henry	100 City quay	Timber Merchant

The above-named William Henry Smith is proposed as a* Member.
*State whether Traders' Member or Shipping Member.

Signature.	Number on Register of Electors.
Thomas Jones	360
James Robinson	780

I, the above-named William Henry Smith, hereby consent to my being nominated as a Candidate at the said Election.
Dated this day of 19
Signed ‡WILLIAM HENRY SMITH.
‡Signature of Candidate or person duly authorised to sign the Nomination Paper on his behalf.

4.—Each Candidate must be nominated by a separate Nomination Paper, but the same Electors may subscribe as many Nomination Papers as there are vacancies to be filled, but no more.

5.—Nomination Papers must be delivered by the Candidate himself or by his Proposer or Seconder to the Secretary of the Board, or to some person authorised to receive the same, at the Office of the Dublin Port and Docks Board, before FOUR o'clock in the afternoon of SATURDAY, the 2nd day of January, 1926.

6.—The Returning Officers will attend at the Office of the DUBLIN PORT and DOCKS BOARD on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1926, for a sufficient time between the hours of two and four o'clock in the afternoon to hear and decide objections to Nomination Papers.

7.—Forms of Nomination Papers may be obtained at the Office of the Secretary of the Board.

E. H. BAILEY, Secretary.
Port and Docks Office, Dublin.
Dated this 24th day of December, 1925.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

CHRISTMAS EVE.
CAROLS AT 3 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY.
MATINS and HOLY COMMUNION, at 11 a.m.
Preacher: THE DEAN.
FESTIVAL EVENSONG at 3.30 p.m.
Offerings for the Poor of the Parishes near the Cathedral.

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY.
Holy Communion at 11 a.m. Cathedral and Crypt open free from 11.45 a.m. Lecture by the Dean on the history of the Cathedral at 12 noon. Collection for Tower Clock Restoration Fund.

THIS IS YOUR CHRISTMAS REMINDER
THAT POVERTY PREVAILS TO AN ENORMOUS EXTENT IN THE CITY OF DUBLIN.
Your Help in Lessening it is Urgently Needed by "Dublin's Oldest Charity,"
THE SICK AND INDIGENT ROOMKEEPERS' SOCIETY
OFFICES: 2 PALACE STREET, DUBLIN.

CHRISTMAS.

Not for many years have we entered on the season of Christmas with lighter and more thankful hearts. Professor James Moffatt, the distinguished Biblical scholar, declared the other day in our city: "This is a good year for the world." It was a true saying. Things have happened that have made us all lift up our heads. The League of Nations is proving itself an effective instrument of peace. A new spirit of good-will is abroad in Europe. Locarno is already a symbol. Our own most thorny Irish problem has been settled. And now statesmen are talking of reducing armaments and armies by a universal pact of peace. Surely we may say, and Christians at least will agree, the promise of the angels' song at Bethlehem is working out its own fulfilment. No doubt, it is most true that peace cannot be won without man's active consent. There must be the will to peace. Yet is it not also profoundly true that the real inspiration of peace is from the spirit of Him Who was born in the khan of Bethlehem? His two great doctrines, the worth of the individual and the universal brotherhood of man, rooted both of them in His doctrine of the Divine Fatherhood, and, commended by His own example, are in the world to stay, and must spread like leaven till the whole is leavened.

However Christians may differ in creed and discipline, they agree that the fact of Christ is the determinative fact of human history. Critical scholarship is confirming every year the main contents of the Gospel story. Jesus Christ is no myth. We may be as sure of Him as of Julius Cæsar, and we know Him far better. The day of His birth is more than a date; it is the beginning of an era. Above all other spiritual leaders and prophets of humanity Jesus rises in pre-eminence unapproachable, alike in His character and His teaching. To Him men everywhere turn with the wistful hope that in His words they may find the clue of life and the key to the grave. To our deepest instinct for truth they appeal as veritable words of life.

But Christ's message is not only or mainly to the individual. All society is to be blessed in Him. His clear purpose was to set up a rule of God among men, and, however slowly, that purpose is achieving itself among the nations. Take this one instance. Referring to the gladiatorial spectacles which had such a powerful fascination for pagan society, Mr. Lecky says: "Christianity alone was powerful enough to tear this evil plant from the Roman soil. The Christian custom of legacies for the relief of the indigent and suffering replaced the pagan custom of bequeathing sums of money for games in honour of the dead; and the month of December, which was looked forward to with eagerness through all the Roman world as the special season of the gladiatorial spectacles, was consecrated in the Church by another festival commemorative of the advent of Christ."

We do well to keep Christmas, therefore, not only as a time of happy family reunion and as a festal season, and a time of the giving of gifts, but as the Birthday of Christ the Lord. It matters nothing that we do not know with certainty the day or the year of His birth. It was a birth for ever blessed, quite apart from the accidents of time and circumstance; for it was the birth of Him Who became the Life and the Light of men. When He was born the dayspring from on high visited the world.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference.—A secondary depression over North-East Ireland, with a trough extending to the Western part of the English Channel, will cross England to-night, with rain showers near the South and South-West coasts and sleet or snow elsewhere, mostly in small amounts. Subsequently there will be a fine interval, but a new depression in the Atlantic will probably cause rain in West Ireland by evening.

N.E. and S.E. Ireland.—Wind west to north-west, moderate or fresh, falling, light; fine, apart from local wintry showers at first; visibility good; rather cold.

Dixon and Hempenstall, Barometers and Forecasters, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt)

DUBLIN WEATHER REPORT.

Dec.	Bar.	Thermometer. Temp. 10 p.m.	Max.	Min.	Grass Min.	Wind.	Rain m.m.	Sun hour
17	30.274	44.0	46	41	34	W.	Trace	0.5
18	29.840	40.3	44	40	31	W.	—	—
19	29.128	40.2	43	38	32	E.	4.3	—
20	29.674	40.0	41	38	33	N.	3.9	—
21	28.914	38.9	40	33	35	S W.	0.2	1.1
22	29.210	38.9	42	34	28	N.	0.5	—
23	29.422	26.2	41	24	21	W.	0.9	—

SUN.
To-day.... Rises .. 8.39 Sets 4.10
To-morrow.. „ .. 8.40 „ 4.11
Lighting-up Time 5.10
HIGH WATER—DUBLIN.
To-day.... Morning 6.37 Afternoon 7.8
To-morrow.. „ .. 7.38 „ 8.8

The Irish Times.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1925.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

The Master of Semphill flew from London to Dublin yesterday in a light aeroplane.—(Page 5.)

Sir Sefton Brancker believes that an air service should be established between Dublin and Chester, and that trans-Atlantic liners should call at an Irish port, so that passengers could proceed to their destinations in aeroplanes.—(Page 5.)

Cardinal O'Donnell returned to Ireland from Rome yesterday, and received a most cordial welcome.—(Page 5.)

Our Belfast Correspondent gives a review of the work of the Northern Parliament during the session which has just ended.—(Page 5.)

Tuesday night's intense frost was followed by falls of snow in many parts of Ireland yesterday. In some places in England the snowdrifts were so deep that motor cars were buried in them.—(Page 5.)

At the Carlow District Court Shiela Griffin, a young woman, who was charged with taking two cattle from the farm of a relative in the dead of night, and selling them in order to pay her rent, was allowed out under the Probation of Offenders Act.—(Page 6.)

In a Christmas message to the people of Northern Ireland Sir James Craig says that the light of a new hope is breaking not only for Ulster, but for all Ireland.—(Page 5.)

SPORTING.

At Bournemouth yesterday Theology won the Pembroke Hurdle Race.—(Page 8.)

FINANCIAL.

London Stock Markets were quiet, with a steady tone. There was a general recovery in Rubbers.—(Page 9.)

Money was in ample supply in Lombard street at 3½ per cent. to 3 per cent. for overnight loans; 5 per cent. was paid for loans into the new year.—(Page 9.)

Dublin Market was firm, with National Loan up to 98, the highest point touched this year. Guinness rose to 75 and Courtaulds to 142s. 3d.—(Page 9.)

Christmas.

Once more the cycle of a waning twelvemonth has brought a weary world to the eve of Christmas. Amid the tumble of crowded days that fill the striving year the season of good-will stands as a welcome refuge from the toil and trouble of workaday life, and for a space mankind snatches a brief respite from the cares and worries of the times. In the beautiful symbol of the Christ child's birth humanity finds a perennial source of eager hope. Christmas is a season of renewal, and, since the night when shepherds, abiding in the fields of Judæa, heard those tidings of great joy that were destined to transform creation, men and women have not ceased to seek fresh solace from a festival which grows in sanctity as the centuries progress. For the first time since the world was rent by the crash of the Great War the message of Christmas this year is something more than a mockery. At last the ideal of peace on earth is beginning to crystallise into a reality; at last good-will among the peoples is being translated from pious hopes into facts. The last ten years have been filled with bitter disappointment. The flower of humanity went to war in a noble cause. Young lives were offered up without stint in order that the world might be purged of ancient vices, and for more than four years the nations of the earth were at death grips. Peace came; but it was the peace of politicians, perpetuating, instead of abolishing, the evils against which the war was fought, and rejecting with taunting disdain the ideals in defence of which millions had gone to their graves. Reaction was inevitable. A wave of cynicism swept over mankind; age-old beliefs were shattered, and the promise of a better world almost had vanished when the achievement of Locarno wiped out at a stroke the failures and reverses of the post-war years. We are still too close to that great event to appraise its value to the full. A new spirit has been born into the world, and hopes are surging up again in human breasts. In every corner of the globe to-night the chiming bells of Christmastide will herald a season that not only will gild the year's mischances for an hour, but is likely to be a milestone on the march of man to his high destiny.

In no part of the world will this year's Christmas be a happier feast than in our own little island. The spirt of gaiety is in the air. One can notice a new keenness in the faces of the thousands of eager shoppers who have been thronging the streets of our cities during the last few days. Even the dismal weather conditions have been unable to damp the enthusiasm of the people, and the general air of festivity has been enhanced in Dublin by the decoration of the principal business street. Ireland to-day is at peace. The sullen discontents and petty bickerings that divided our people against themselves in the past have been replaced by a new feeling of mutual confidence and respect. The open sore of the boundary problem has been healed, and the distrust and suspicions which it engendered in the popular mind have been dissipated, let us hope for ever. By the London Agreement statesmanship has undone the evil work of party politics. Passions have been softened, prejudices have been allayed, and Irishmen of all creeds and classes have been drawn closer to one another by those invisible bonds of brotherhood which made the Downing street Pact a possibility. Much remains to be done. The Irish people have an opportunity now of achieving that union of hearts which treaties and Governments alike are powerless to create. They must not be disheartened if progress is slow; but they must assure themselves that it is being made. Now is the time when every effort should be dedicated to the great task of Irish unity. It is a high endeavour, worthy of true sacrifice, and North and South should vie with each other in its furtherance. To-morrow throughout our land humble and hearty thanks will be offered to the Almighty for the blessing of peace which has descended on our sorely stricken people. Let us resolve that, so far as in us lies, we shall do our part to bring its promise to fruition. This will be a merry Christmas in every homestead in our country; and in offering our readers the time-honoured wishes of the season, let us hope from the bottom of our hearts that it will herald the dayspring of a united Ireland.

Irish Airways.

A map of the North Atlantic showing the steamship routes brings vividly before us the anomaly that, whereas Ireland holds a position of peculiar prominence geographically, the great ships which cross the ocean pass our island by as if it were but barren rock. The map is scored with many lines from Canada and the United States, which curve round Ireland's northern coasts for Liverpool, and with many others which skirt the southern Irish shores for the same destination. From the Americas, and from the Pacific Ocean *via* the Panama Canal, vast bodies of merchandise and shiploads of passengers are brought to Europe; but Ireland, rich in splendid natural ports, receives no benefit from this traffic, save when a liner calls at Queenstown to drop some bundles of Irish mails. In the interview which he gave our representative yesterday, Sir Sefton Brancker, Director of Civil Aviation in Great Britain, expressed the belief that aerial traffic will bring Ireland into its natural prominence. He drew a fascinating picture of the developments of which he expects Ireland to become the centre. In a few years' time, he thinks, trans-Atlantic liners will deposit their passengers and mails at a port in the South-West of Ireland—the portion of Europe nearest to the Western world. From that centre aeroplanes will fly north-eastward to Dublin and Belfast, eastward to England, and south-eastward to the Continent. Queenstown—or some port on the western coast yet to be developed—thus will become the traffic centre of Western Europe. Sir Sefton Brancker is an enthusiast, but he is no dreamer. His plans for Imperial airways are fast maturing, and already the flying craft of the Civil Aviation services come and go between distant outposts of Empire. The conception which he lays before us, therefore, has the authority of knowledge and experience. It is not lightly to be dismissed. Irishmen may lack confidence in their country; but this far-travelled expert in the new art of transit sees Ireland destined to be the air port of our Continent.

Sir Sefton Brancker had practical schemes to lay before us touching the immediate expansion of the Irish Free State flying service. He recommended the institution of three chief flying lines—Dublin to Chester, Dublin to Belfast, and Rosslare to Fishguard. A service of aeroplanes flying between the Free State capital and Chester—whence railways run to all corners of Britain—would enable Irish business men to correspond with their clients in the great markets across the Channel with a saving of several hours. Over a large part of Britain—and particularly in the industrial country around Manchester—their letters would be delivered on the day of despatch. Similar advantages would spring from an aerial service between the capitals of the Free State and Northern Ireland. In each case it would be necessary for the service to be well capitalised at the outset; for initial costs would be high, and the service would begin to yield profit when it had called new business connections into being. The Governments, therefore, of the Free State and Northern Ireland should find the means to give the services their chance. Sir Sefton Brancker expressed lively interest in the contemplated flight by Free State flying officers from Ireland to America, and he observed that the enterprise would do much to assist the tourist traffic by bringing Ireland before the public imagination. Colonel Russell's undertaking may bring nearer the day when trans-Atlantic flights will be part of the world's recognised system of transit and transport. It is well that plucky Irishmen are doing their part in completing the aerial conquest of the ocean; for by so doing they are ensuring the recognition of their country as the air gate of the Old World.

The Syrian Problem.

After some months of serious fighting there seems now to be a chance of peace in Syria. By the withdrawal of General Sarrail and his replacement by the civilian, M. de Jouvenel, the French Government has removed a serious source of grievance, and the Druse insurgents, apparently, are quite prepared to come to terms with the new High Commissioner. Their demands are fairly reasonable. In the first place, they ask for an amnesty for all political offenders. They also want a Constitution "on the basis of national sovereignty," a treaty with France on the model of Iraq's treaty with Great Britain, a plebiscite to decide the problem of Syrian unity, and the appointment of a Provisional Government by the High Commissioner from the Nationalist ranks to rule the country pending the creation of an organic law, the holding of a general election and the convention of a Constituent Assembly. M. de Jouvenel has promised to grant an amnesty for all members of the rank-and-file of the rebels who lay down their arms within fifteen days. He also has promised that the lives of the leaders shall be spared, but reserves to himself the right to inflict minor penalties on them. Obviously, therefore, there is no reason for the continuation of hostilities. The High Commissioner has expressed his agreement with virtually all the demands which the delegates from the Druses have brought forward; and where differences still exist there ought to be no real difficulty in the way of ultimate compromise. The Syrian campaign has been the result of a gross blunder, and the friends of France will be very glad that M. de Jouvenel has met the rebels in such a generous spirit. Peace in the Middle East is as essential to the British Empire as it is to France, and we hope sincerely that no further time will be lost in resolving the Syrian problem in an amicable way.

Holiday Weather.

Santa Claus, by all accounts, has prepared to do his part generously towards making this a notable Christmastide. Humpty-Dumpty, too, has come to town to Dublin, along with two Dick Whittingtons and their cats; while Little Red-Riding-Hood has arrived in Belfast and a musical lady named Betty in Cork. The one shirker is the Clerk of the Weather office. For a long time past we have suspected him of turning Bolshevik, and his conduct at this season darkens our suspicions. In November he sent us hard weather with biting winds; but now he sends us a jumble of rain, sleet and clammy fog. He sweeps the sky clear with an east wind, and, when he has tempted us abroad and got us loaded with parcels, he gives a turn to the barometer; up come the clouds, and down rushes drenching sleet. We have despaired of a Christmas dawn with frosty roofs a-twinkle and the breath with which "merry Christmas" is cried smoking on the air. We count no longer on an afternoon tramp across hills hardened to iron, to send us home to the fireside and the children's laughter with a fresh zest. Nevertheless, beneath the happy roof-tree there is something which no watery clouds from the West can spoil and no bleak Eastern winds make chill. Let the rain drum at the window and the street lamps cast their light on wind-tossed trees or gleam wretchedly through the mirk—within doors the miraculous mid-winter summer that is Christmas shall glow undimmed.

THE "IRISH TIMES."

The "Irish Times" will be published on Saturday next (St. Stephen's Day).

There will be no issue of the paper on Christmas Day (to-morrow).

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The Prince of Wales left London yesterday for Sandringham, and will spend Christmas with the King and Queen at York Cottage, where the Duke and Duchess of York are also staying. While in the country the Prince expects to have a couple of days' hunting with the West Norfolk Hounds, a pack which hunts the Sandringham district, and generally provides excellent sport. The hunt ball, which the Prince of Wales had promised to attend, was, of course, postponed in consequence of the Court mourning, and the new date has not yet been announced.

The Princess Royal, who is in residence in Portman square, will spend Christmas in London, and will have her son-in-law and daughter, Lord Carnegie and Lady Maud Carnegie, with her for the next fortnight.

January 26th has now been fixed for Princess Helena Victoria's visit to Bournemouth, which was postponed from November 24th, owing to the death of Queen Alexandra. The Princess will be present at the meeting organised by the Y.M.C.A., when an appeal will be made for funds to assist the work of the Association.

The Crown Prince and Crown Princess of Sweden will spend the winter at their Palace in Stockholm, where they are entertaining a family party for the Christmas season.

The Duchess of Atholl left London yesterday for Blair Castle, Perthshire, to join the Duke, who has arranged to start for the West Indies the third week in January. The Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry and their family are in residence at Wynyard Park, and on last Tuesday Lady Margaret and Lady Helen Stewart accompanied their mother on her annual Christmas visit to Seaham Harbour, where she distributed parcels of warm clothing and comforts to over two hundred poor people. Lord and Lady Seymour, with the Hon. Percy and the Hon. Susan Seymour, have left Ebberley House, North Devon, for Maiden Bradley, Bath, where they will spend Christmas with the Duke and Duchess of Somerset.

Lady Mary Scott has joined the Duke and Duchess of Wellington's house party at Ewhurst Park for Christmas. Lord and Lady Decies have left London for Cannes, where they will remain till early in the new year. Lord Killeen has arrived on a few weeks' leave at Killeen Castle, where the Earl and Countess of Fingall will entertain a large party for the Meath Hunt ball next week.

The Countess of Hardwicke and her only daughter, Lady Elizabeth Yorke, are leaving Southampton to-day for Cape Town, and will be away for three months. Lord and Lady Brownlow are among the passengers on the s.s. Arundel Castle, which sails to-day for Madeira. Lady Gerald Wellesley is leaving shortly for a trip to India, and will be accompanied part of the way by the Hon. Mrs. Nicolson, who is going to Persia to join her husband, the Hon. Harold Nicolson, Lord Carnock's youngest son, who has recently been appointed Counsellor to the British Legation at Teheran, which happens to be his birthplace.

There is a large gathering of British visitors at Saint Jean-de-Luz, where the weather has been much better than at many of the Southern resorts. Among the recent arrivals are: Lieutenant-General Sir Gerald and Lady Ellison; Lady, Mr., and Miss Urwick; Sir Reginald and Lady Gamble, Sir Ernest and Lady Fletcher, Sir Edward and Lady Fraser, Major-General and Mrs. Wanless-O'Gowan, and Brigadier-General Reginald Travers. Sir Robert and Lady Hudson are on their way to the South of France, and will be abroad for some time.

Dr. Annie Stafford has left Rockmount, Sorrento road, Dalkey, for one week.

Announcement—Switzers, having acquired a controlling interest in the business of Edmond Johnson, Ltd., 94 Grafton street, announce that the entire stock of Watches, Jewellery, Silver and Plate has been greatly reduced in price. A further discount of 2s. in the £ off cash purchases during December.

Lovely Frocks for Xmas Festivities.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 South Great George's street.

Choice and Useful Gifts for Christmas. Hundreds to select from.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 Sth. Gt. George's st.

At Madame Renée's—Just arrived, special delivery of exquisite Evening Frocks for Christmas.—51A Dawson street.

Delightful Dance Frocks at Slyne's, moderately priced.—Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton st.

PASSENGERS ON ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Arrivals.—Miss L. A. Murphy, Mrs. C. M. Kirwin, Mrs. W. J. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Mathews, A. E. Gerard, Miss A. M. Gordon, Mr. Hurst, Dr. C. McGuire, Miss B. Callow, Captain and Mrs. W. A. Arnold, J. O'Donnell, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Neill.

Other Arrivals and Departures will be found in "Dublin and the Provinces."

Solve your Gift Problems at McBirney's Grand Bazaar, Toy Fair and Gift Exhibition to-day. Thousands of Gifts.—Aston's quay.

Mourning Orders receive prompt attention. 'Phone 4905.—Davis and Co., 45 Grafton st.

Carpet Squares and Remnants at Reduced Prices.—Millar and Beatty, Ltd.

Gibson and Co. Ladies' Tailors, Specialists in designing and cutting. All models made on the premises. Inspection invited.—141 Lower Baggot st.

Velvet Coatees, 39/6; Cardigans and Jumpers, 19/6; Fur Necklets, from 49/6; Handkerchiefs, Bags and Umbrellas suitable for Xmas presents.—Davis and Co., 45 Grafton street.

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Theatre Royal—Varieties, 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Gaiety Theatre—Closed.
Queen's Theatre—Closed.
Abbey Theatre—Closed.
Olympia Theatre—"Happy Days," 7 and 9 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre—The Dixie Minstrels, 6.45 and 9.
Metropole Cinema—"Wild Justice," 2.50, 5, 7.10, and 9.30 p.m.
La Scala Theatre—"The Wise Virgin," 3 to 10.30.
Grafton Cinema—"The Top of the World," 2, 4.10, 6.35, and 9 p.m.
Grand Central Cinema—"The Turmoil."
The Rotunda—"Hot Water," 2.30 till 10.30.
Pavilion Cinema, Dun Laoghaire—"Wanderer of the Wasteland," 4, 6.30 and 9 p.m.

MR. BALDWIN.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Baldwin), left London yesterday for Chequers. He will spend Christmas at his house at Bewdley.

DEATH.

CONNOLLY—December 23, 1925, at Inglewood, Enniscorthy, Annie, second daughter of the late Owen Connolly. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to Cathedral this day at 6 o'clock. Funeral to New Cemetery, Enniscorthy, to-morrow (Christmas Day) at 2.30 p.m.

LONDON LETTER.

THE MOSUL SITUATION.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

With regard to the Mosul situation, discussed last night by the Prime Minister and the Turkish Ambassador, it is understood that the latter is sending a full report to Kemal Pasha at Angora, and it is hoped that the outcome will be satisfactory. The negotiations for a new treaty between the British Government and the Government of Iraq, rendered necessary by the League of Nations' decision, have now been opened, and are to proceed with all possible haste. The Prime Minister has promised to lay its terms before the House of Commons early next session. Once the Treaty has been accepted by the British Government, it will have to go for approval to the Council of the League of Nations at its session in March.

The Road Fund.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer is to be allowed to make a raid on the Road Fund, but it is to be a very little one, and the result may amount to only three millions. A compromise has been arranged whereby the Treasury is to have any surplus after £15,000,000 have been paid over to the Fund, and this seems a reasonable solution of a question likely to prove troublesome. There will be opposition from the motorists and authorities interested in roads and road-making, despite the compromise, but to meet this it is suggested that the Treasury may make direct grants from time to time to meet costs incurred for really urgent schemes. Mr. Churchill will have to introduce legislation to get his three million from the Road Fund, since all the money secured by the Fund must by Act of Parliament be spent on the roads.

Bread Prices.

The Food Council does not intend to let the bakers forget when the price of flour falls to a point permitting of a lower charge for a loaf of bread. A letter was sent this afternoon by the Council to the London Master Bakers' Association calling attention to the possibility of a reduction of one halfpenny on the quartern loaf. The Council inquires in a very definite manner as to what the bakers propose to do. As recently as December 4th the bakers increased the price of bread because flour rose to fifty shillings. Similar haste has not been shown in making a reduction.

New Tariffs.

A number of City firms had a bad shock this morning; for they had not expected that the new import duties on gloves, cutlery and gas mantles, under the Safeguarding of Industries Act, would have come into operation so soon. The duties, however, took effect from yesterday, when the Act was given the Royal Assent. Large quantities of the goods arrived and passed in London during the past few days, but the Customs' officials promptly demanded duty on all consignments brought in or entered yesterday. One firm to-day had a demand for £150 for imported gloves because they reached this country on Monday, and were entered in the Customs on Tuesday.

A Luxury Tax.

The two experts despatched to the Continent by the order of the Chancellor of the Exchequer to consider the incidence of the luxury taxes in France, Czecho-Slovakia, Germany, Poland and Italy, are now preparing reports as to the possibility of imposing such taxation here and indicating by what machinery that might be collected. One of the experts was sent from the Board of Trade, while the other belonged to the Board of Inland Revenue. Little alarm is felt in West End circles as to the possibility of a luxury tax, since, as is pointed out, the trade in luxury goods needs stimulating and not depressing.

The Italian Debt.

Count Volpi, who is coming from Rome to discuss the Italian debt with the Treasury, is expected to arrive in London on New Year's Day. He will be accompanied by a very small party, but, as the Italian Government has given him very wide powers, and he prefers to rely upon himself alone, his companions will not trouble him very much. Count Volpi is a rare example of a great business man who has achieved first-class success as a politician. In Italy last year the revenue exceeded expenditure by four million pounds sterling, and, while the Italians are taxed heavily, the strength of the financial position appears to be the result of very careful collection, as much as economy in administration.

Scottish Elections.

The two coming by-elections in Scotland are likely to be of very considerable interest. Both seats were Conservative gains from Socialists at the general election, and now the Socialists intend to make a great effort to win them back. In East Renfrewshire, where Mr. MacRobert, K.C., will have to seek re-election when appointed Solicitor-General for Scotland, his Socialist opponent will be the Rev. J. N. Munro, a brother-in-law to Mr. Maxton, the Clydeside member. In Dumbartonshire the Socialist candidate will be Mr. W. H. Martin, who will again put up a strong fight.

Good Business.

"This is the best Christmas that Bond street has known since 1919," said the Secretary of the Bond street Association to-day. This opinion is strongly borne out by individual representative traders, who declare that the Christmas trade this year has exceeded their most optimistic expectations. If Bond street can be taken as a guide for the rest of London, it is one of the best Christmasses on record, said a leading tradesman. A silversmith said: "In cash takings, this year has approximated to 1919, and we have done three or four times the number of transactions. We are in touch with customers from whom we have not heard for several years. Yesterday it was quite impossible to give attention to each individual among the crowds that filled our shop." Leading the way to the despatch room, he said: "Our instructions are that this room shall be quite clear at this time of day, and you see it—packed ceiling high with purchases to be sent out."

Jazz.

At long last there are indications that the reign of jazz is coming to an end; for symptoms of a desire for an abatement of its fever have become manifest in New York, and its sway has been seriously disputed in the latest musical comedies. Of the fifteen musical plays running in New York at the present time six are without jazz music of any kind, and in none of them is jazz altogether supreme. Whether such a condition of things will be reproduced here it is impossible to say, but it is almost certain that London will follow New York so far as jazz is concerned. Yet a recent musical comedy without a note of jazz was a failure, in spite of the beauty of its setting and good cast.

EIFFEL TOWER AERIAL REPAIRED.

PARIS, Wednesday.

The aerial of the Eiffel Tower Wireless Station, which was damaged yesterday, has now been repaired.—(Reuter.)

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Last night's *Court Circular* announces that the Prince of Wales and the Prince Henry have arrived at York Cottage.

LIGHT AEROPLANE'S TEST

FLIGHT FROM LONDON TO DUBLIN IN BAD WEATHER.

AIR SERVICES IN IRELAND.

SIR SEFTON BRANCKER ON THEIR DEVELOPMENT.

Colonel the Master of Semphill flew from London to Dublin yesterday in a De Haviland "Moth" aeroplane, which has an engine of only 60 horse-power.

Owing to the bad weather—there was a strong head wind all the way and several storms were encountered—the journey constituted a severe test, but the "Moth" never faltered.

The Master of Semphill and Major-General Sir Sefton Brancker, Director of Civil Aviation, are staying at the Viceregal Lodge as the guests of the Governor-General. They intend to visit Belfast on the "Moth" and to return to London on it.

In an interview with an *Irish Times* reporter yesterday, Sir Sefton Brancker expressed his opinion that the railway services must be linked up with air services.

He advocated the establishment of air services between Dublin and Chester and Dublin and Belfast, and predicted that soon all trans-Atlantic liners would call at an Irish port to land passengers, who could be sent to all parts of Europe in aeroplanes.

"MOTH'S" FLIGHT.

SEVERE TEST UNDER BAD CONDITIONS.

A few hours after his arrival at the Viceregal Lodge Colonel the Master of Semphill received a representative of the *Irish Times* and gave him an interesting account of his flight. He left the Stagg lane Aerodrome, London, at 10 a.m. and arrived at Baldonnell Aerodrome at about 4.30 p.m. The distance covered was about 300 miles, but delays were caused at Chester and Holyhead owing to the necessity of obtaining petrol. Another retarding factor was the poor weather.

Describing his machine, Colonel the Master of Semphill said that it was one of the new light aeroplanes which in the future might be used by the private owner. It had accommodation for the pilot and one passenger, and its four-cylinder air-cooled engine was capable of driving it at about 75 miles an hour. It cost, roughly, £800 or £900. With four gallons of petrol and about half a pint of oil it would give an hour's flight. It was a very economical machine from the point of view of first cost and running and maintenance expenses.

AVOIDING THE "BLACK COUNTRY."

There was a good wind from the north-east when he left London, and visibility was fairly good. Around Warwick, Wolverhampton, and the Black Country generally there was always a good deal of smoke, which tended to make very bad visibility. For that reason he made a course to the south of the Black Country.

Leaving London at 10 o'clock, he travelled *via* Banbury, Stratford, and Shrewsbury, and reached Chester shortly before one o'clock. Here he descended in order to replenish the supply of petrol. Up to this the weather conditions had been good, but owing to a head-wind he did not fly higher than a few hundred feet. The whole of the ground over which he travelled was covered with snow.

The next stop was at Holyhead. By this time the weather conditions had become much worse. The wind was strong and heavy, black cloud formations were coming over the Irish Sea. Before going out to sea he landed in a field to refill the petrol tanks. Passing over the Holyhead Lighthouse he sighted, at 3.17 p.m., the out-going mail boat, five miles from Holyhead. When twenty miles out he sighted the mail boat from Kingstown, but after that he saw no shipping of any kind.

OVER KINGSTOWN.

He came through three violent air storms, and flew throughout the entire sea journey at not more than 500 feet above the sea. When he was half-way across the wind increased in violence. During the air storms it was so dark that he could not read the instruments in the cockpit. About fifty-five minutes after leaving Holyhead he came through the biggest of the squalls and found himself right over Kingstown. The weather then was very clear, and thus he was able to pass over the outskirts of Dublin to Baldonnell Aerodrome, where he was welcomed by Colonel Russell and other officers of the Irish Free State Air Force.

Colonel the Master of Semphill explained that if he had carried out the original plan to fly to Stranraer and Belfast, before coming to Dublin, he could not have got beyond Stranraer yesterday. The meteorologists at the Royal Air Force near Chester told him that there was a depression coming over from the west coast of Ireland which would be liable to make the conditions around Dublin and Belfast poor for Thursday. He decided, therefore, to take the direct route, although it entailed a sea journey of some 60 or 70 miles as opposed to one of 20 miles from Stranraer.

SEVERE TEST.

This was one of the first occasions in which a light aeroplane with an engine of only 60 horse-power had been used for a fairly long trip under weather conditions, such as he encountered, and it did seem to bring nearer the possibility of a machine of that type being utilised by private owners for purposes of business or for pleasure, as the case might be. It would be possible to make a non-stop flight from London to Dublin in one of these machines if a specially large petrol tank were fitted, but this would prohibit the carrying of a passenger.

If the weather was suitable Sir Sefton Brancker and he would probably return to London via Belfast, Stranraer and Newcastle. At Newcastle they hoped to visit one of the light aeroplane clubs which were training young men to fly in a type of machine similar to that which he had used. They hoped also to visit another club in Manchester.

THE MASTER OF SEMPHILL.

Colonel the Master of Semphill has close Irish associations, although he belongs to an old Scottish family. He is married to a daughter of Sir John Lavery (eminent portrait painter and member of the Royal Academy).

Colonel Semphill has the unique distinction of having flown a machine without any previous instruction whatever, and of landing safely after the flight. This happened at the beginning of the great war, in which he saw much active service. At the conclusion of hostilities he went to Japan, where he reorganised on up-to-date lines the whole of the Japanese Air Service.

For some time during the great war he was technical adviser to the Air Ministry, and a few years ago accompanied Sir Sefton Brancker to America on a mission established at the request of the United States Government.

AIR ROUTES.

VIEWS OF SIR SEFTON BRANCKER.

Sir Sefton Brancker, in an interview with an *Irish Times* Reporter yesterday at Baldonnell aerodrome, expressed delight at his return to Ireland, where he had served for some time with the Royal Artillery in the early nineties. He had, he said, been stationed at Fermoy and Athlone during the years that led up to the South African War, and it was out of love for the South of Ireland and to revive old memories of soldiering days that he had to undertake the journey to Ireland.

He had arranged to fly across with Colonel the Master of Semphill, but owing to weather conditions and the bad visibility he determined to make the journey by boat.

"I have always been interested in the subject of air services between Ireland and Great Britain," went on Sir Sefton. "My journey from Holyhead yesterday took three hours to accomplish; by aeroplane it would have taken less than three-quarters of an hour.

RAILWAY COMPANIES' TASK.

"It it up to great railway companies, like the London, Midland and Scottish, and the Great Western to give the public accelerated communications by seaplane across the Channel. That should be the first step in the development of air services. In this way Fishguard and Rosslare, as well as Holyhead and Dublin, could be linked up by flying boats for the acceleration of mail deliveries and passenger services.

"I hope to see in the near future the big ships that cross the Atlantic stopping somewhere in the South, or South-West, of Ireland, and the mails and passengers which they carry being sent by aeroplane direct to all parts of Ireland, England and the Continent. I need not point out what an immense saving of time would be effected by such a system.

"There are difficulties in the way, of course, but they are not insuperable—difficulties such as lack of finance, and lack of confidence in aviation. But it is obvious that, with a little imagination and perseverance, air traffic will become a tremendous factor in saving time in the transmission of mails and in carrying passengers who are really in a hurry, and are prepared to pay a little more for quick travelling. The more traffic you get, and with the improvement of aviation technique, the cheaper can the cost of arial transit be made."

Sir Sefton expressed the view that an aerial route between Dublin and Chester would be a good one. They would in this route avoid the mountainous areas, and from Chester there was an excellent rail service to all parts of Great Britain. The great thing was to bind together aerial and railway services. Discussing the possible route between Queenstown and Bristol, he said that he had not given it close consideration; but it struck him that the greatest difficulty would be to carry large quantities of fuel over such a long distance.

ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

He was enthusiastic about the suggested flight across the Atlantic by Irish airmen, which would be valuable in two respects to Ireland—(1) The development of Ireland's trade and tourist traffic, and (2) the utilisation of the potentialities of Ireland as an air port. It was not difficult to see that Ireland for many years to come would be a port of call for Transatlantic liners, and it was only natural that Irishmen should desire to shorten the distance between the New World and Ireland. The great difficulty in that was the necessity for carrying a 35 to 40 hours' supply of fuel.

"Our experience has been that 250 to 300 miles is about the longest distances which can be flown economically when passengers and mails are carried. After that you are carrying fuel at an exorbitant rate."

Asked for his impressions of the work of the Irish Free State Air Force, Sir Sefton Brancker said:—"I have been very much impressed by the work being done here, and how very up-to-date Colonel Russell, the Commanding Officer of the Irish Air Force, is. He is in close touch with all the developments in aviation, and knows all the latest things in connection with the science and art of flying."

BELFAST-LIVERPOOL SERVICE.

Lack of capital and proper organisation, he thought, were contributory factors to the failure of the Belfast-Liverpool air service. It had simply fizzled out for these reasons, but he had hopes that it would be revived. An air service between Dublin and Belfast, he also thought, would be invaluable in cementing the bonds of friendship between North and South.

Sir Sefton drew a picture of world air transit services ten or twenty years hence. "Visualise," he said, "an aerial service from America to Baldonnel, and thence to London, Paris and the Continent. There may be routes to Colombo, perhaps touching at Singapore, and then on to Australia. The Transatlantic route may be by airship, and from London and Paris mails, passengers and merchandise would be carried in all directions. Aeroplanes would run South to Khartoum and then North to Irak and Persia, all over India, and then Australia. Airships would cover the longer distances and aeroplanes the shorter ones.

"The risk of accident is rapidly being reduced to a minimum. During the last six years over 4,600,000 miles have been covered by our civil air services, and in that time we have had only four fatal accidents. With the development of aerial technique we hope to reduce the element of risk still further."

SEARCHES FOR ARMS.

RIFLES AND SHOT-GUNS SEIZED.

Extensive searches for arms were carried out during the present week in the Cappagh district of Dungarvan by the Civic Guards, under command of Superintendent Murray. A large number of men were engaged, and operations were conducted over a wide area in flat, marshy, and isolated districts, which were somewhat difficult of access.

Four motor cars were employed, and many houses were visited, some of which are far removed from the main roads. Every dwellinghouse, barn and outhouse was submitted to a close search.

Three shotguns and two rifles, all in serviceable condition, were seized, as well as thirty rounds of ammunition. No arrests were made.

GOVERNOR OF NEW SOUTH WALES TO RESIGN?

SYDNEY, Wednesday.

Reports are current here of the possibility of the resignation of the Governor, Sir Dudley R. S. de Chair, in connection with the recent appointments to the Legislative Council.

POPE'S ENCYCLICAL.

THE CLOSE OF THE HOLY YEAR.

ROME, Wednesday.

The Pope published to-day an Encyclical on the Kingdom of Christ, recalling that the aim of his Pontificate is the peace of Christ.

His Holiness states that the recent events, such as the Holy Year, the Missionary Exposition, and the canonisations have hastened the realisation of the Kingdom of Christ, and that he has, therefore, considered it opportune to close the Holy Year by introducing in the liturgy a special festivity of the Redeemer.

The Encyclical then proceeds to explain the theological doctrine of the Kingdom of Christ, which is that if Jesus is venerated by all Catholics the remedy to all evils will be hastened.

BRUSSELS JEWEL ROBBERY.

BALE, Wednesday.

The man and woman, who were arrested here yesterday on suspicion of being concerned in a jewel robbery in Brussels, were released later, after proof had been given that the suspicion was unfounded.

SEVERE WEATHER IN IRELAND.

INTENSE FROSTS AND SNOWFALLS.

CONDITIONS WORSE IN ENGLAND.

Weather conditions are very changeable and unsettled not alone in Dublin, but all over Western Europe. Atmospheric depressions are forming rapidly, and as rapidly dispersing, with the result that no one can give a very definite forecast for more than a few hours.

England continues to be visited by heavy snowstorms, and the weather in Western Europe is reported to be very bad.

QUICK CHANGES IN DUBLIN.

FROST, RAIN, SLEET AND WINDS.

Yesterday opened with a severe frost in Dublin and the neighbourhood. The thermometer fell to 24 degrees in the screen and to 20 degrees on the ground. Then a change came rapidly. In the forenoon clouds gathered, a light south wind set in and the temperature rose. In the afternoon some showers of rain fell, and in the streets of the city things were as unpleasant and muddy as they could be to the embarrassment of the great crowds who were shopping.

Owing to the low temperature of the ground, what is called a "glazed frost" set in, particularly in the outlying parts of the city and suburbs, and horse traffic for a time was rendered very difficult. Indeed, many pedestrians also sustained falls on the glassy pavements. Later in the evening the wind veered to the west and freshened, blowing in squalls at times, and on the wind were borne showers of hail and sleet.

The outlook is in favour of a continuance of rather cold weather, with a return probably of frost and snow showers at times; but the conditions are extremely unsettled.

In France the very cold weather of a few days ago has given place to a high temperature, but while the atmosphere remains so unsettled there can be no definite forecast.

ICE ON BELFAST DOCK.

A thin sheet of ice covered the Clarendon Dock, Belfast, yesterday morning, which is very unusual even in a "hard" winter.

HAIL STORM AT WATERFORD.

Fierce showers of hail and snow broke over Waterford city and district yesterday afternoon. In the space of 20 minutes streets were covered to a depth of several inches. The hailstones were of large size.

The storm was accompanied by dense atmospheric obscurity, necessitating the use of artificial light for some time in business houses. Traffic was dislocated for a time.

INTENSE FROST IN TIPPERARY.

There was an intense frost in Tipperary on Tuesday night.

Yesterday was bitterly cold, with an icy wind, threatening snow.

SNOW IN THE NORTH-WEST.

In Clones and the adjoining districts there was a heavy fall of snow. It was preceded by a biting frost, which caused stockowners to take their stock from the farms. The frost on Monday night was the severest for many years.

There was a heavy snowfall throughout the central area of Tyrone yesterday, following upon a severe frost of the previous night, and in some of the mountain districts the ground is covered with a layer several feet deep.

WORST STORM FOR FORTY YEARS.

MOTOR CARS BURIED IN SNOW.

The North Cotswolds were isolated all day yesterday owing to Tuesday night's blizzard, and reports which got through yesterday evening state that it was the worst since the memorable storm of 1881. The wind blew at over sixty miles an hour, and caused snow drifts on the main roads so deep that motor cars were buried by them, and even mail motor vans and omnibuses stuck fast.

Drifts on the main road from London to Gloucester and Cheltenham were from five to six feet deep, and one van was seventeen hours behind the scheduled time in reaching Cheltenham. Telegraph and telephone wires collapsed under the weight of snow, and it was not until the County Council workmen, with snow ploughs, had made a track wide enough for single vehicles that the fate of many missing parties could be ascertained.

Some parties on the way to London for Christmas festivities were caught by the storm and had to spend the night in the snowdrift, and suffered from exposure. The storm was followed yesterday by a hard frost.

WEATHER CAUSES POSTAL DELAY.

The British Postmaster-General announces that, in consequence of the bad weather prevailing in many parts of the country, the long-distance mail trains have arrived at their destinations considerably behind time, and letters which would normally be delivered by the first post have fallen into the second or later deliveries of the day

A similar delay in delivery may be experienced to-day, but the arrangements made for increased staff and accommodation have so far proved effective in meeting the heavy Christmas traffic, and it is anticipated that all correspondence posted before the dates announced a short time ago—namely, the 22nd December for parcels and midday on the 23rd for letters—will reach its destination in time for delivery on Christmas Day or earlier.

GREAT GALE IN FRANCE.

PARIS, Wednesday.

During the last forty-eight hours France has experienced one of the worst gales in recent years, its long duration being altogether exceptional. The speed of the wind varied between eighty and ninety miles an hour, bringing down telegraph and telephone wires, blocking the roads with fallen trees and causing a number of accidents throughout France.

The port of Bordeaux is inaccessible owing to the wild seas raging in its estuary. No vessels have arrived there since Monday evening. The gale is still raging off the Brittany coast, and it is reported that the church at St. Helier has been badly damaged.

Much delay has been caused to the liner traffic at Havre, where the great French passenger boat Savoie had to be taken into port by her commander, as no pilot ventured over the stormy waters to take the helm.

The rising industrial town of Caen has been flooded by torrential rain. Many accidents have occurred on the Paris-Calais main road, especially in the Beauvais district, owing to numerous motor cars having dashed into trees, which have been blown across the road. In this same district the floods are threatening the main railway line between Paris and Creil. Thunder and lightning were features of the storm in many districts.

Milder weather is foretold by the weather prophets, but it will be some time before the telegraph and telephone wires have been restored, and the railways and roads cleared of the obstructions blown on to them. Several fatal accidents have been reported as resulting from the storm.

STORM DAMAGE IN SPAIN.

MADRID, Wednesday.

The stormy weather continues, and floods are general throughout Andalusia. The Guadalquivir and Guadaura Rivers are still rising, and it is feared that the whole of Seville may be flooded. Several quarters of the town are already under water, and have been abandoned by their inhabitants.

A message from Malaga states that a Spanish trawler has found a Portuguese sailing boat abandoned in the open sea off Casablanca.

At Las Carolina a house, which had been flooded, collapsed, and two persons were killed.

THE NORTHERN PARLIAMENT.

REVIEW OF THE PAST SESSION.

THE OPPOSITION'S STRENGTH.

POSITION OF BORDER NATIONALISTS.

(FROM OUR BELFAST CORRESPONDENT.)

The Parliamentary session just ended was in many respects the most interesting through which the Northern legislature has passed.

It was the first session of the second Parliament, and the first in which there was a regular Opposition. The Labour group, consisting of Messrs. S. Kyle, W. McMullan and J. Beattie, formed the official Opposition. They were assisted on many questions by Mr. Joseph Devlin and Mr. T. S. McAllister, the only Nationalists who took their seats after the General Election. The three Independent Unionist members—Colonel P. J. Woods and Messrs. Thomas Henderson and J. W. Gyle—frequently joined in attacks upon the Government, particularly upon questions affecting the interests of the working classes. But, of course, they did not take the Opposition Whip.

Mr. George Henderson, who was returned by Co. Antrim as a Farmers' representative, was a persistent advocate of agricultural interests, and was frequently in the Opposition lobby when pressing the special views of those he represents. Throughout the session, however, he took a broad view of all questions of outstanding importance, such as the boundary agreement, which met with his unqualified approval.

MR. DEVLIN'S SUCCESS.

The outstanding figure on the Opposition benches was undoubtedly Mr. Devlin, who used his knowledge of Parliamentary procedure to good effect on more than one occasion. Although he is a keen and unsparing critic of the Government Mr. Devlin is one of the most popular members of the House. Even his most trenchant criticisms contain an element of humour which neutralises bitterness and makes for good-will.

During the session the Labour members gradually departed from the reiteration of Socialistic theories—although, no doubt, holding these as strongly as ever—and took a more constructive and effective part in the debates. The asperities of some of the "Independents" also softened towards the end of the session, and at least one—Mr. Gyle—admitted that there was some good in "the worst possible Government," when the new arrangement for compensating spirit grocers went through as an agreed measure.

When the Parliament re-assembles on the 9th March, it is not improbable that the Opposition will be considerably strengthened. The following ten Nationalist and Sinn Féin members have up to the present declined to take their seats in the House:—Messrs. J. H. Collins (Armagh), E. de Valera (Down), A. Donnelly (Fermanagh and Tyrone), E. Donnelly (Armagh), T. J. Harbison and Cahir Healy (Fermanagh and Tyrone), George Leeke and Basil McGuckin (Londonderry), John McHugh (Fermanagh and Tyrone), Patrick O'Neill (Down).

At a meeting of the border county Nationalist members, before the opening of the last session, it was decided that they should not take their seats until the boundary question was settled. In view of the boundary agreement, it is probable that now they will decide that the interests of their constituents demand their presence in the Commons. The fact is that the policy of abstention was a huge mistake.

THE PREMIER'S TACT.

Among the Unionist members, the outstanding figure has been the Prime Minister, who has shown great tact and skill in the handling of many difficult problems.

Next to the Prime Minister's, the most anxious task has been that of the Minister of Labour (the Right Hon. J. M. Andrews), who has been faced with a steady increase in the number of the unemployed, while the deficiency in the Unemployment Insurance Fund has been mounting up to £4,500,000. This is a particular disappointment to Mr. Andrews, for over a year ago there was every prospect, when the unemployed figure touched 34,000, of the situation improving so materially that the Unemployment Fund deficit would be on the down grade.

A setback in the linen trade, due, in some measure, to the restoration of the gold standard and also to increased currency inflation on the Continent, which enabled Continental linen manufacturers to compete successfully in the principal markets, was principally responsible for sending the unemployment figures up to 57,000. In a recent speech, however, Mr. Andrews expressed the view that the worst of the depression had been reached and that there would be a gradual improvement.

The Minister of Finance (the Right Hon. H. M. Pollock) has been a vigilant "watchdog of the public purse." Taxpayers and those who understand the work he has accomplished in stablising upon fixed principles the finances of the Northern State, as indicated in the Colwyn Committee report, appreciate the great service he has rendered to the province.

CHANGES.

There was one change in the Government front bench during the year. The Right Hon. J. Milne Barbour, Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to the Ministry of Finance, was promoted to the position of Minister of Commerce, an office for which he does not accept salary. Mr. George B. Hanna succeeded Mr. R. D. Megaw, K.C., as Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Home Affairs, and Mr. John H. Robb, K.C., took the place of the late Mr. R. J. McKeown, as Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Education.

The Attorney-General, the Right Hon. Richard Best, one of the members for County Armagh, was appointed a Lord Justice of Appeal, in October, and was succeeded, as Attorney-General, by Mr. A. B. Babington, K.C., who won South Belfast Division, beating the Labour candidate, by a substantial majority. The Government candidate also had an easy victory in Armagh for the vacancy created by the elevation of Mr. Best, to the judiciary.

About thirty public and several private bills were passed during the session. The principal measures, from the point of view of social service, was that dealing with widows', orphans' and old age contributory pensions, which brought the benefits conferred in Great Britain within the reach of insured workers in Northern Ireland. An Old Age Pension Act has removed the thrift disqualification. There were several measures dealing with unemployment benefit, and extending further credit up to 4½ million sterling to the Unemployed Fund.

There was much discussion upon the bill which enables County Councils to undertake drainage schemes, but does not touch the big question of the drainage of the River Bann and the Lough Neagh basin, which is being investigated by an expert committee. The recent Finance Bill, increasing the duty upon heavy motor vehicles, in some cases by 300 per cent., was keenly debated, and is still being opposed by motor vehicle users' associations.

OTHER ACTS.

Other Acts passed dealt with civil pensions, estate duty, housing, university grants from rates, milk regulations, rent restriction, dangerous drugs, temperance, the Census Act, the seed potato supply, and the Pharmaceutical Society for Northern Ireland.

Private bills were promoted by the Belfast Corporation and the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company. A Provisional Order Confirmation Bill for Londonderry County Borough was passed, and a similar measure in connection with the Warrenpoint Urban District was dropped. The first Divorce Bill dealt with in the Northern Parliament was brought forward during the session, and the recent machinery set up by the Government for this special class of legislation proved satisfactory.

An Agricultural Wages Bill was introduced by the Labour members, but was defeated on second reading, notwithstanding the plea that it embodied the principle of a measure adopted in the British Parliament. Members on the Government benches representing agricultural constituencies expressed the view that it would lead to increased unemployment among labourers in the present depressed state of the agricultural industry.

ABBEY THEATRE'S MAJORITY.

THE STORY OF ITS EARLY STRIVINGS.

SUNDAY'S CELEBRATION

The Abbey Theatre, Dublin, celebrates its coming of age on Sunday next. The event is a landmark in the history of the modern drama, not alone of Ireland, but of Europe.

On Tuesday, December 27, 1904, the National Theatre Society opened the Abbey Theatre with two plays by Mr. W. B. Yeats and Lady Gregory's sparkling comedy, "Spreading the News." The *Irish Times* of next morning wrote: "The occasion was, as an experiment, and possibly as an epoch-marker, invested with unique interest." The experiment has resulted in the production at the Abbey of 216 plays, the work of eighty-six authors. The civilised world has profited by that achievement, for it is generally admitted that Dublin's Abbey is the father and mother of the modern theatrical revival in Great Britain and in America, where its children, the "little" theatres, are now a large and increasing family. Its work has also influenced the modern theatre in Europe, notably in Germany and in Hungary.

EARLY EFFORTS.

The Abbey Theatre dates back to 1898, when the Irish Literary Theatre was established in Dublin by Mr. W. B. Yeats, Lady Gregory and the late Mr. Edward Martyn. For three years the theatre produced Irish plays, beginning with Mr. Yeats's "The Countess Cathleen" and Mr. Martyn's "The Heather Field," performed in the Antient Concert Rooms on May 8, 1899. The first-named was objected to by a crowd of Catholic University students in the gallery, and the police had to be called in. Further plays were produced once a year by English professionals, who included Miss Whitty. In 1901 the Benson Company produced "Diarmuid and Grania" at the Gaiety Theatre. Mr. Martyn's "The Bending of the Bough," February 20, 1900, was Ireland's first play dealing with a vital Irish question.

The movement prospered, but it was soon felt that the Irish work of Irish writers should be interpreted by Irish actors and actresses, speaking with Irish voices, and understanding and feeling the Irish atmosphere of the plays. Fortunately, the brothers Fay, William and Frank, became interested, and they got together a little company of unpaid amateurs, who played in the Coffee Palace, Townsend street; in St. Teresa's Hall, Clarendon street, and other places in the city. That was the beginning of a native school of acting, an Irish dramatic company, the first real start of the Abbey Theatre, and the glory of it must go to the brothers Fay.

FIRST LONDON VISIT.

In May, 1903, the company visited London for the first time. They got Saturday off from their workaday employers, left Dublin on Friday night, gave afternoon and evening performances on Saturday at the Queen's Gate Hall, and were back at their work on Monday morning. They played "Laying the Foundations," "Hour Glass," "Pot of Broth," "Kathleen ni Houlihan," and "Twenty Five," to enthusiastic audiences and theatrical critics, who appreciatively welcomed the great adventure.

That London visit, followed by others equally successful, brought Miss Horniman into association with the society. That lady took over the building of the Mechanics' Institute in Abbey street, added to it part of the old City Morgue, and reconstructed the premises into the Abbey Theatre, which she handed over to the Society free for a number of years, together with an annual subsidy. In making this generous gift Miss Horniman wrote: "I can only afford to make a very little theatre, and it must be quite simple. You all must do the rest to make a powerful and prosperous theatre, with a high artistic ideal." The world knows today what the result of that injunction has been.

Delays followed the acquisition of the Abbey, caused largely by the opposition of the existing Dublin theatres to the grant of the necessary patent from the Crown. The inquiry before the Privy Council was noted for the persistence of the opposition to the granting of the patent. Finally, the patent was issued to Dame Augusta Gregory: "It being our Royal will and pleasure that for the future our said theatre may be instrumental to the promotion of virtue and instruction of human life." There was not to be put on the stage of the new theatre "any exhibition of wild beasts or dangerous performances, or to allow women or children to be hung from the flies or fixed in positions from which they cannot release themselves."

THE OPENING NIGHT.

The theatre was opened on December 27, 1904, with "On Baile's Strand" and "Kathleen ni Houlihan," by Yeats, and "Spreading the News," by Lady Gregory. Illness prevented the latter from taking part in the opening, but Miss Horniman was present. "On Baile's Strand" was the first play ever presented at the Abbey, and the first cast was:—

Cuchullain	F. J. Fay
Concobar	George Roberts
Daire	Arthur Sinclair
Fintain	Seumas O'Sullivan
Barach	W. G. Fay
A Young Man	P. MacSuibhlaigh
Young Kings and Old Kings	Maire Ni Gharbhaigh, Emma Vernon, Sarah Allgood, Doreen Gunning, R. Nash, N. Power, U. Wright, E. Keegan.

On the same night Miss Mary Walker played Kathleen and Miss Allgood Bridget Gillane in Mr. Yeats's play; Mr. J. H. Dunne was Shawn Early in "Spreading the News." Of the players of that first night, Miss Allgood and Mr. Wright are still members of the Abbey Company. The latter will appear on next Sunday night, but Miss Allgood cannot get back from her engagement in "Juno and the Paycock" at the Royalty Theatre, London.

The little theatre was now a reality, an accomplished fact, with its own dramatists, its own acting company, and its own scenery, such as it was. The next necessity for success was an audience, and that was harder to secure. In her fascinating book, "Our Irish Theatre," Lady Gregory describes the struggle thus:—"Often, near midnight, after the theatre closed, I have gone round to the newspaper offices asking as a favour that notices might be put in; for we could pay for but few advertisements, and it was not always thought worth while to send a critic to our plays. Often have I gone out by the stage door when the curtain was up and came round into the auditorium by the front hall, hoping that in the dimness I might pass for a new arrival, and so encourage the few scattered people in the stalls. One night there were so few in any part of the house that the players were for dismissing them and giving no performance at all. But we played after all, and just after the play began three or four priests from the country came in. They came round behind afterwards, and told us how good they thought the work, and asked the company to come down and play in the West. Very often in the green room I have quoted the homely proverb, heard I know not where—"Grip is a good dog, but Hold Fast a better."

A FAMOUS YEAR.

In 1905 the name Abbey was first officially attached to the company, and the Society was from that forward styled National Theatre Society, Ltd. The following year was a famous one at the Abbey; for there were produced no fewer than five new plays, including "The Eloquent Dempsy," by William Boyle, a comedy which definitely brought to the theatre what may be described as the popular *clientèle*. In 1908 the Fays left because of internal disagreements in the company, but before that they had weathered the theatre's worst storm, which broke out with the production of Synge's "The Playboy of the Western World" on the last Saturday in January, 1907.

A certain section of the Press and public took it upon themselves to see in the play a belittling of the "Irish character" and the holding up to ridicule of "the ideals and traditions of the Irish race." There was a battle of a week, with free fights, in which the patriotic protesters did not stop at physical violence to even the girl attendants. Every night the police were in, but the play went its advertised run. Lady Gregory writes: "It was a definite fight for freedom from mob censorship." She and the Fays and the players won the fight, and even a tougher battle later on in America, and to-day the "Playboy" is one of the most popular plays that the management puts on. The Abbey continue on its hard way, producing many new plays to houses generally thin, indeed. In October, 1908, there was produced "The Clancy Name," by Mr. Lennox Robinson, who was led to playwriting

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LIGHT OF A NEW HOPE.

SIR JAMES CRAIG'S MESSAGE.

A SPIRIT OF GOODWILL.

Sir James Craig, Bart., Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, has issued the following Christmas message to the people of Ulster:—

Stormont Castle, Strandtown, Belfast,
23rd December, 1925.

Through the courtesy of your columns, I have always been kindly afforded the opportunity of conveying to the people of Ulster, on behalf of my colleagues and myself, all good wishes for Christmas and the new year.

In to-day availing myself of the privilege, I do so with a heart full of gratitude and thankfulness. Formerly I had to write at a time of uncertainty, when the outlook for our province was dark or overcast; but on this occasion the light of a new hope is breaking, not only for Ulster, but for all Ireland, and the celebration of this Christmas festival will be incomplete if we do not feel genuinely grateful for our delivery by Divine mercy from the anxieties of bygone years and the birth of a new spirit of good-will.

Once more I tender to the people of Ulster the grateful thanks of my colleagues and myself for their steadfast and loyal support during the trying times through which we have passed. As a united Cabinet, it has been our pride and honour to have served Ulster to the very best of our ability.

My wife desires to associate herself most heartily with this message, and particularly in its application to the women who have stood so faithfully by their menfolk during times of dire distress, and now, with them, rejoice that the border has been saved and Ulster freed to pursue the path of peace and prosperity.

Wishing your readers a merry Christmas and a happy new year.—JAMES CRAIG.

LATE NEWS.

HOLY YEAR IN ROME.

THE PILGRIMAGES.

A correspondent, in the course of a special article in *The Times*, says:—The Holy Year which will close officially when the Pope, on Christmas Eve, seals the sacred door leading into the Vatican Basilica, has proved not unworthy of the great traditions established by its predecessors. This is no inconsiderable claim, for since the first of the series inaugurated by Pope Boniface VIII. in 1300, the whole organising ability of the Roman Catholic Church and the faith of its members have combined to make these periodic festivals the wonder of successive ages. It is not surprising, in view of the rapid improvement in methods of transit which has taken place, even since 1900, if the number of pilgrims in 1925 should have surpassed all earlier records of an authentic kind. The total, including Italians, is estimated at one million and a quarter, mostly comprised in specially organised pilgrimages from all parts of the world.

The stroke of the Pope's golden mallet upon the Holy Door last Christmas Eve was the signal for a mighty influx, which continued in undiminished volume until it died in the last trickle of 200 Lombard pilgrims, who came bringing offerings to defray the cost of bricking up that door, not to be entered again for another quarter of a century. Before the end of September 261 special international trains, eight of them carrying British pilgrims, arrived in Rome. Not the least considerable contingent was the British pilgrimage under Cardinal Bourne, 1,300 strong, which was received by the Pope on May 13th, and it was followed by representatives of every profession and class in our land, ranging from a company of Oxford under-graduates and dons to a battalion of 800 Boy Scouts. It was to the former that the Pope recalled the days of his own pilgrimage to the Bodleian as a student and a scholar. There have been many distinguished names among the pilgrims, but more touching are the examples of the devotion which brought humble pilgrims immense distances on foot to Rome by the same routes and methods which were trodden and followed by their fathers throughout the centuries. An old peasant walked all the way from Desio, the Pope's native village, to Rome, a distance of about 600 miles, in order, he said, quite simply, to follow the example of his grandfather and of his father, who had also made their pilgrimage to Rome in the Jubilee years of 1825 and 1900.

It is interesting to note that the list of pious pedestrians includes more women than men. One old lady from Ferentino, aged 72, wearing the characteristic cow-hide sandals of her village, covered the distance to Rome in nine hours at the rate of seven kilometres an hour. She was honoured with the special congratulations of the Pope, who was himself a great walker before he became the prisoner of his position and situation, and with the kindly advice to go back by rail.

A CHINESE WAR SURPRISE.

ATTACK ON CHANG TSO-LIN FAILS.

SHANGHAI, Wednesday.

A Japanese report from Mukden states that General Kuo Sung-Lin's main attack against Marshal Chang Tso-Lin, which he launched last night, has failed. The report adds that General Kuo Sung-Lin's forces are retreating towards Hsinminfu.—(Reuter.)

CHINESE WAR LORD DEFEATED.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PEKING, Wednesday.

The Christian General, Feng Yuh-Siang, has captured Tientsin. His forces entered the city late last night, after completely defeating the army of the rival Chinese war lord, General Li Chang Lin.

SHANGHAI'S SHOOTINGS INQUIRY.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

PEKING, Wednesday.

The Diplomatic Corps this afternoon gave out summaries of the reports of the three judges who sat at the international judicial inquiry into the Shanghai shootings of May 30. The British and Japanese judges agree in exonerating the Shanghai police officials of all blame for the affair. The American member of the Commission does not. The latter's report charges that the police authorities did not make any preparation to deal with the troubles, despite daily reports for five months indicating growing difficulties resulting from cotton mill strikes and the demonstrations of the students.

The American judge declares that he is convinced that the shooting could have been avoided if more police had been on duty to disperse the crowd. The report pillories Police Inspector K. J. McEuen, for failure to come to the scene of the difficulty. "His presence and personal direction on May 30 might have saved the lives of some of the innocent persons," the report declares. Accompanying the letter is a cheque for 75,000 dollars from the Council, for distribution among the families of the twelve persons killed and the eighteen wounded in the shooting incidents.

INTERNATIONAL TRAIN INCIDENT.

PEKING, Wednesday.

With reference to yesterday's incident, in which the international train was fired on by Kuominchun troops on its way from Tientsin to Shanhaikwan, it appears that the train came to a standstill when fired on. It subsequently attempted to move on, but was prevented from doing so by an armoured train.

Disregarding the protests of the Japanese Commander, a Kuominchun officer boarded the train and gave orders for it to return immediately to Tientsin, under pain of fire being re-opened on it. Infantry were brought up, and the armoured train was drawn up near by. The international train was consequently forced to return to Tientsin. The senior Minister here had made a protest regarding the incident, and has requested that instructions should be issued immediately to permit the passage of another train which is being sent in the near future.—(Reuter.)

BACK FROM ROME.

CARDINAL O'DONNELL WELCOMED.

ENTHUSIASTIC SCENES.

THE POPE'S INTEREST IN IRELAND.

His Eminence Cardinal O'Donnell returned to Ireland yesterday evening from Rome.

The Cardinal arrived by the mail boat at Kingstown at 5.30 p.m. He was received officially at the Carlisle Pier, on behalf of the Irish Free State Government, by President Cosgrave, Mr. J. J. Walsh, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, and Mr. P. Hughes, Minister for Defence. A guard of honour, consisting of fifty men, with a pipers' band, under the command of Lieutenant Mannion, of the 23rd Battalion, was in attendance on the Pier.

There was a large crowd on the pier to welcome the Cardinal, but little delay was made at Kingstown, as His Eminence desired to visit the Archbishop of Dublin at Drumcondra before catching the 6.30 p.m. train at Amiens street Station for Armagh.

THE PRESIDENT'S WELCOME.

When the mail boat reached the pier President Cosgrave and his colleagues went on board, and, having kissed his ring, briefly expressed their pleasure at His Eminence's return. After this little ceremony, the Cardinal came ashore. The guard of honour presented arms, the band played an air, and the crowd of clergy and laity cheered loudly.

Attended by President Cosgrave and the Most Rev. Dr. McKenna, Bishop of Clogher, Cardinal O'Donnell walked down the pier, and acknowledged the salutes of the people. He paused for a moment to compliment Lieutenant Mannion on the appearance of the guard, and then stepped into a motor car, accompanied by the Bishop of Clogher.

As the motor car left the pier at 5.45, the choir of St. Michael's, Kingstown, who wore cassocks and carried the Papal flag, sang the hymn of St. Patrick. The accompaniment was played by St. Michael's Fife and Drum Band.

Among those who attended at the pier to welcome the Cardinal were:—The Most Rev. Dr. McKenna, Bishop of Clogher; the Rev. P. Dunne, representing the Archbishop of Dublin; Colonel Guilfoyle, A.D.C., representing the Governor-General, who sent a special message of welcome to His Eminence; the Right Rev. Monsignor Quin, P.P., V.G., Dungannon, Dean of the Archdiocese of Armagh; the Right Rev. Monsignor Segrave, P.P., V.G., St. Peter's, Drogheda, Archdeacon; the Very Rev. John Fahy, S.J., Provincial; the Rev. F. M. Brown, S.J.; the Rev. Vincent Byrne, S.J.; the Very Rev. Father Sylvester, Provincial, O.S.F.C.; the Very Rev. Father Edward, Guardian, Church street, O.S.F.C.; the Venerable Archdeacon Murray, P.P., V.F., Glasthule; the Very Rev. Canon W. F. Murphy, P.P., Kingstown; Senator Farren, the Rev. H. V. Gill, S.J., Belvedere College; the Rev. M. F. Boylan, Dalkey; the Rev. Brother Austin, Presentation College, Glasthule; Mr. Martin Maguire, K.C., and Mrs. Maguire; Mr. Daniel McMenamin and Mrs. McMenamin, the Rev. J. J. Tindall, the Rev. P. J. Carton, the Rev. P. J. McGrath, the Rev. L. Lavery, C.M., Blackrock; the Rev. P. Finnegan, Adm., Armagh; Mr. W. J. Tunney, Mr. John Walters, the Rev. D. Lloyd, C.C.Sp., Sierra Leone; the Rev. John M. Dalton, Howth, and the Rev. L. Potter.

The Kingstown Urban Council was represented by the Chairman, Mr. J. M. Devitt; Mr. E. J. Mallins, Vice-Chairman, and Councillors M. F. O'Brien, F. M. Bentley, Dr. Merrin, Dr. O. S. Maunsell, J. P. Dooge, E. C. Smyth, C. Rochford, and M. P. O'Donnell; Messrs. J. J. Triston, Assistant Town Clerk; F. M. Webb, Town Surveyor, and W. A. Doody, Accountant.

Captain Fosberry Holmes, R.N., Harbour Master, was present on the pier and supervised the arrangements for the Cardinal's reception. The London, Midland and Scottish officials, Mr. Slattery, pier master, and Mr. Davin, assistant, made excellent arrangements to facilitate the Cardinal's prompt disembarkation and departure.

Representatives of the Press were inconvenienced by the action of a clergyman, who gave instructions to the officials at the gangway not to allow them to board the steamer.

DRIVE TO ARCHBISHOP'S PALACE.

Many motor cars, some bearing the Papal colours (gold and white), followed the Cardinal's car to the Archbishop's Palace at Drumcondra.

Cardinal O'Donnell and Dr. Byrne had a brief conversation, and then His Eminence had to leave in order to catch the 6.30 train for Armagh. He was accompanied to the station by the Archbishop.

At the station large crowds cheered the Cardinal and gave him an enthusiastic welcome.

Among those on the platform were the Right Hon. James MacMahon, Monsignor Dunne, V.P., V.G.; Monsignor Wall, V.P., V.G.; the Rev. J. O'Reilly, Adm., Pro-Cathedral; the Rev. — Hickey, C.M.; Sir Joseph Glynn, Dr. O'Donnell (the Cardinal's brother), Mr. P. O'Clery, Mr. E. Doherty, Mr. J. P. Good, Judge O'Brien, Messrs. Hubert Briscoe, P. J. Brady, ex-M.P.; Francis O'Reilly, Secretary, Catholic Truth Society, and Francis Sweeney, Catholic Truth Society.

A guard of honour, under Commandant Cunningham, who was presented to His Eminence by Judge O'Brien, gave the Cardinal military honours. The guard of honour was subsequently inspected by His Eminence. As the train steamed out of the station the buglers sounded the salute, and the Army Band played the march "O'Donnell Abu."

THE JOURNEY.

ENTHUSIASTIC CROWDS AT STATIONS.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

ARMAGH, Wednesday.

At Drogheda Station a large crowd had assembled, and as His Eminence made his appearance at the window of his saloon carriage enthusiastic cheers were given.

An address of welcome from the Corporation was read by the Town Clerk (Mr. J. Carr). Mr. L. Elcock, the Mayor, congratulated His Eminence on the honour conferred upon him by the Pope, and said that he hoped that peace and prosperity would reign in the country, and that in His Eminence's own time he would witness the unity of Ireland.

Addresses were also presented on behalf of the Gaelic League and the Knights of Columbanus.

The Cardinal, in reply, said that the Holy Father, in promoting him to the Cardinalate, was careful to convey that the dignity was for others besides himself. He meant it as a recognition of the work and goodness of the Irish people. His Eminence went on to pay tribute to the people of Drogheda and to Monsignor Seagrave, P.P., and said that he honoured and respected them because of their character as citizens of a town and district that had done good service in the cause of Christ and religion. He knew that the welfare of Ireland was dear to their hearts, and they

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would be glad to know that Ireland had no more devoted friend than the Sovereign Pontiff. The Pope was the greatest existing moral power in the world; and it was something for Ireland that one in his position had the strongest affection for the Irish race.

"God bless you," added His Eminence, "and may your desire that our country may have the unity that we all dream of as our due yet be realised in our time, to the great advantage of Mother Erin and of all other peoples."

DUNDALK.

At Dundalk there was no formal presentation of addresses, in view of the fact that His Eminence is to visit the town at an early date; but a big crowd had gathered to greet the Cardinal. Fog signals had been placed on the lines, and these exploded as the train ran into the station. On His Eminence being observed the crowd surged forward, and many within reach kissed his ring and received his blessing.

The Cardinal said that he had many good friends in Dundalk. Those present were no strangers to him. He valued their tribute very highly and he hoped that the union between them and himself would continue for many years. It would always be a pleasure to him to come now and then to see the people of Dundalk. He knew that in their tribute to him they desired even more to show their respect for the venerable Head of the Church, who had been good enough to confer the Cardinalate upon him, and so to show his appreciation of all the Irish people, and very particularly of the people of the Arch-Diocese of Armagh.

GORAGHWOOD.

The first station in the Six Counties at which a stop was made was Goraghwood, where His Eminence was welcomed by the Newry Urban District Council and other Newry bodies.

In reply, His Eminence said that the heart of the Pope was full of good feeling for the Irish people, and it was his abiding desire that the country should fully reach that high level among the nations which was the envy of other countries in the early Christian centuries.

"In raising me to the Cardinalate," he added, "His Holiness meant to give a pledge to the Irish people that he watched their progress with the deepest interest, and that everything the Pope could do would be done to encourage them to go on and prosper."

ARMAGH.

When the train reached Armagh the Cardinal received an enthusiastic welcome from a large crowd which filled the platform. Cheer after cheer was given, and as the train steamed in a bugler of the Royal Ulster Rifles sounded the general salute, while the people reverently bared their heads and surged around His Eminence as he passed out of the station.

The route to the Cathedral was lined with thousands of people, who cheered and shouted words of greeting as the procession, led by bands and standards, passed along. One hundred torchbearers marched in the procession, and at several points in the way huge bonfires had been lit, and virtually every window in the city had lighted candles and flags.

The Cathedral bells broke out with the gay marching tune of "O'Donnell Abu," and when the Cardinal left his car and mounted the steps at the entrance to the church the cathedral choir sang Stadler's *Ecce Sacerdos Magnus*.

In welcoming His Eminence, the Rev. Father Finegan, Administrator, said that the cherished wish of their hearts had been fulfilled. They would have their Cardinal with them to celebrate Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

Mr. Joseph O'Hagan, Chairman of the Armagh City Council, also welcomed the Cardinal on behalf of the citizens of Armagh.

CARDINAL'S REPLY.

In reply, Cardinal O'Donnell said: "I have seen many demonstrations, but I have never witnessed a finer demonstration than you have organised here to welcome me home from the Eternal City. I only wish I were in any degree worthy of so much kindness on your part. What rejoices me is that I am well aware that in honouring me by this hearty welcome you wish it proclaimed that you are grateful to the Sovereign Pontiff for the honour which he has conferred upon me and, through me, upon you also. (Cheers, and a Voice—"O'Donnell Abu.")

"Yes," proceeded His Eminence, "I am very proud, indeed, of the traditions that that cry recalls. (Cheers) It is not for anything else, but because of my connection with this ancient city, because I am Archbishop of Armagh, that I have been created a Cardinal of the Holy Roman Catholic Church. The history of this ancient city is not unknown to the Sovereign Pontiff. His Holiness identifies Armagh with the progress and triumph of the Faith, which is the joy of Irishmen wherever they are found throughout the world.

"While you are legitimately proud of the splendid traditions that have come down to you in this primatial city, you would prize it still more highly if you knew, as I have been privileged to know, the hearty appreciation in which the Sovereign Pontiff holds all the sacrifices that have been made in Ireland for the cause of the Holy Catholic Church, and I will tell you what is the expectation and the hope of the Holy Father—it is that Ireland from shore to shore would unite and once more hold aloft the banner of civilisation and lead the nations, as it did in the early Christian centuries."

THE RAIDED MAILS.

ROBBERY CONDEMNED IN CHURCH.

The Rev. Patrick McManus, P.P., preaching in the Ballyconnell Church, referred to the recent robbery of the mails in the district, and said that he did not think it likely that any of those actually listening to him were implicated. Even if they were, he did not believe that his words would have any effect upon them. Those ruffians were out for booty, and they were prepared to murder in order to rob. They had, he feared, no conscience whatever. It would, however, be disastrous if the public conscience were to gradually sink to the same level, and he, therefore, called upon the people to give no tolerance to the perpetrators of such deeds, which involved the obligation of making restitution. If the money taken in this case was State money, the State means the taxpayer. If some of the money belonged to individuals, probably amongst the poorest of the community, then the crime was all the greater. He did not believe that the robbery had any political significance.

UNPAID CLUB LOANS.

WOMAN TREASURER'S SUICIDE.

A verdict of murder and suicide was returned at Liverpool yesterday at the inquest on Gladys Fox (27), wife of a tramcar driver, and her child, William, whose bodies were recovered from the lake in Sefton Park.

The woman had been treasurer of a Christmas tontine club for three years, and was in difficulties with money. She had lent some to members who had not repaid it, and was about £30 short.

THE LATE MARQUESS OF ELY.

The funeral of the Marquess of Ely took place quietly in Malvern Cemetery yesterday The interment was preceded by a Service in the Priory Church, the officiating clergy being the Rev. M. E. Bissett, of London; the Rev. H. H. M. Bartlett, Vicar of Great Malvern; and the Rev. C. L. Malaber, curate. The choir chanted Psalm 90 and the *Nunc Dimittis*. The hymns were "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," and "O God, our Help in Ages Past." The mourners included Miss Edith Loftus, Mr. Guy Loftus, Mr. and Mrs. Montague Loftus, cousins; Mr. Gordon and Mr. Money, executors, and Mr. C. E. Maude, agent to the Irish estates.

RAID ON A PUBLIC-HOUSE.

Last night, at about 7 o'clock, three armed and masked men entered the public-house of Mr. Philip Byrne, Galloping Green, Stillorgan. They "held up" the proprietor at the point of the revolver, searched the till, from which they took the contents—only a few shillings—with which they made off, taking also with them a couple of bottles of whiskey.

So far as the police could ascertain, the raiders were on foot, and passed along the road unnoticed.

ARREST OF A PRINCE.

PARIS, Wednesday.

A sequel to the failure of the French Silver Fox Rearing Company occurred to-day when Prince Charles Murat was arrested in connection with the case.—(Reuter.)

PROVINCIAL BANK CLERKSHIPS.
Successes from ROSSE COLLEGE, Stephen's Green, Dublin, at the December examination: V. Hanley, G. Clarendon, W. Donnellan, R. McGrath, P. Heffernan.—(Advt.)

FEMALE CATTLE RAIDER.

MIDNIGHT VISIT TO A FARM.

STRANGE CASE AT CARLOW.

At the Carlow District Court a story was told about two young women who, in the dead of night, travelled a distance of fifteen miles, made a raid on a farm, drove off two cattle and sold them to pay a landlord who was pressing for his rent. The defendants were Sheila Griffin and Mollie Coffey, Tullow street, Carlow.

Guard Murphy, who arrested Sheila Griffin, stated that she told him that she took the cattle belonging to her cousin, John Griffin, with the intention of selling them to pay her rent, and that when she would get things squared up she intended to pay back the money to Pat McDonald, who had purchased the cattle, and then to return the cattle to their rightful owner.

AFTER THE LIGHTS HAD GONE OUT.

Guard Coleman, who arrested Mollie Coffey, stated that she said she went with Miss Griffin to Griffinstown on the night of the 23rd November. It was late at night, and the lights had gone out in the town. Miss Griffin brought her to her brother's farm at Griffinstown, and told her to remain in the lane-way while she would drive out the cattle. Miss Griffin could not get out the cattle by herself, and she asked her to come in and help her. She went into the field and they drove two cattle out on the road; two other cattle followed them out on the road, and she drove them into a gateway and closed the gate. They drove the two cattle along the road till they came to the house of a man named Byrne.

Miss Griffin told her to go in and tell Byrne that she wanted him. He came out and had a conversation with Miss Griffin, after which Byrne cycled in the direction of Mr. Pat McDonald's house. They then drove the cattle into Mr. McDonald's field and went up to the house. Mr. McDonald came in and shook hands with Miss Griffin, and she asked him to buy the two cattle. She said that she wanted £20 for them, and Mr. McDonald offered her £19 10s. Miss Griffin agreed to sell them for this price, and gave 5s. luck. Mr. McDonald then gave her a cheque for £19 5s.

Miss Coffey then said that she and Miss Griffin got up on their bicycles and cycled in the direction of Carlow. Her bicycle got damaged, and Miss Griffin cycled away, leaving her to walk to Carlow.

In reply to Mr. Byrne, solicitor for the defendants, the witness stated that Miss Coffey was a servant of Miss Griffin.

The Justice held that in the depositions there was no case against Miss Coffey.

Mr. J. D. McCarthy stated there was a decree obtained against Miss Griffin at the Circuit Court on the 24th July at Carlow. The decree was not to issue if the defendant paid £30 and costs and £17 10s. on the 23rd November, 1925. There was a notice by Mr. Duggan, solicitor, to have the ejectment decree issued at the Circuit Court on the 24th November if the balance of the rent was not paid.

The landlord, Mr. N. P. Roche, stated that he was in the Circuit Court on the 24th November to support his application for possession. On that day £17 10s. was paid over to him. The defendant had already paid £30 and costs.

THE SALE OF THE SHOP.

John Belton, Carlow, stated that immediately before the 24th November he was in negotiation with Miss Griffin for the purchase of her interest in the house in Tullow street. She wanted £50 for it, and the condition was that she should pay the landlord what was due to him. An agreement was drawn up, but it was never signed. Miss Griffin subsequently wanted £100, and the negotiations broke down.

Mr. Byrne, solicitor, said that it was not the intention of Miss Griffin to deprive the owner of the cattle. According to the evidence she intended to return the money and cattle later on.

THE DECISION.

The Justice said that the stealing of the cattle was deliberate and intentional. The worst feature was that Miss Griffin went out in the dead of night, and actually brought an assistant with her, and she spent the whole of one night in trying to get possession of the cattle, and the following morning in getting rid of them. He was impressed with what Mr. Byrne stated on her behalf. She must have been in a very anxious state of mind. She was hard set and hard pressed to get the rent, and she looked about for any means to get the rent. He was inclined to think that, owing to the pressure of the case her mind was not quite normal. She evidently presumed on the friendship of her friends. She thought that the liability might be met by the Griffin estate, and that later she might be able to make good the debt.

I think, said the Justice, that this girl was terribly frightened and in a terrible state of mind. I must, however, hold that the evidence is sufficient to justify a conviction. There is no reflection on Mr. McDonald. He bought the cattle fairly and squarely, and paid her a fair market price. I do not think that I would be justified in sending this girl to jail. I, therefore, give her the benefit of the Probation of Offenders' Act, and I will order her to find bail in £30 and two sureties of £15 each to come up for judgment if necessary within twelve months.

The defendant was ordered to pay the costs of the prosecution.

Mr. McDonald stated that he had been paid back the money that he gave for the cattle, and that he had no claim on them.

GIFTS FOR LITTLE PATIENTS.

FATHER CHRISTMAS VISITS CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS.

The Dublin Rotary Club continued its Christmas activities among the children's hospitals yesterday, when they visited three institutions in the city, and gave entertainments and distributed gifts.

At the Children's Hospital, Harcourt street, the arrangements were in charge of Mr. James S. M'Mahon and Mrs. M'Mahon, Mr. and Mrs. A. Child, and Mr. Purdy. Among those present were the Matron (Miss Honoria Wilson), Sir Simon Maddock, Sir W. de Courcy Wheeler, Dr. George Nesbitt, Dr. Wilson, and Dr. Prentice.

The following artists contributed an excellent programme of music and dances:—Miss Phyllis Daly, Miss Christine Byrne, Mr. J. D. Dixon, Mr. W. Coomber, Mr. A. Jackson, the Misses Child, Messrs. Witchell (who gave a Punch and Judy show, which was a great delight to the children), Professor Albert (ventriloquist), and Mr. G. Scott Coomber at the piano.

A splendid Christmas tree had been presented by Viscount Powerscourt, K.P., and the gifts were distributed by Father Christmas (Mr. W. B. Cunningham), assisted by Mr. R. H. Keatinge and Mr. H. Bailey, impersonating Bonzo, the dog, and Felix, the cat.

The Rotary President, Mr. M. P. Rowan, and the Vice-President, Major Bryan Cooper, were also present, and presented a cheque to the hospital.

At the Orthopædic Hospital the same indefatigable Father Christmas was again at work, with the help of Masters Gordon and Alan Keating, as Bonzo and Felix, and the small patients, nearly eighty in number, had a joyous time. There was singing and dancing in costume by Miss Gordon Macintosh's pupils.

The proceedings concluded with an impromptu dance for the staff and visitors. A band, consisting of Mr. A. E. Wilson, Mr. P. A. Harmon, and Mr. J. Henchy, played during the afternoon.

Rotarians also visited the Children's Hospital, Temple street, Dublin. The Rio String Trio gave delightful musical selections, and Mr. Sealy Jeffares contributed songs. A dance, followed by tea, brought a pleasant entertainment to a close.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL.

The religious ceremonies at the Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough street, on Christmas Day will begin with High Mass at 6 o'clock a.m., and there will be Masses every half-hour from that hour until 12 noon, when another High Mass will be celebrated, at which His Grace the Archbishop will preside, and preach. Solemn Benediction will be given after Mass.

ABBEY THEATRE'S MAJORITY.

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by seeing a performance of the Abbey Company in Cork. That was a lucky visit to the Southern capital; for in Mr. Lennox Robinson the Abbey found one who, for seventeen years, has, as playwright, manager and producer, been a tower of strength to the theatre. It may here be mentioned that Mr. St. John Ervine filled the position of manager for a short time.

BLANCO POSNET.

What was probably the Abbey's biggest fight for existence came in 1909, with the proposed production of George Bernard Shaw's "The Shewing Up of Blanco Posnet." The fight was with the authorities of Dublin Castle, who objected to the play because it was blackballed by the English censor. That official's jurisdiction did not extend to Ireland, but the Lord Lieutenant of the time, Lord Aberdeen, or some of the permanent officials, thought that it was for them to see to it that the censor should not be flouted in any part of the United Kingdom. In a letter to Lady Gregory, an official of the Castle wrote—"The play does not deal with an Irish subject, and it is not an Irish play in any other sense than that its author was born in Ireland. . . . The Abbey Theatre was founded for the express purpose of encouraging dramatic art in Ireland, and of fostering a dramatic school growing out of the life of the country. The play in question does not seem well adapted to promote those laudable objects. . . ." The authorities went on the terms of the Patent, which they threatened to withdraw should the play be produced. The carrying out of the threat would mean the end of the Abbey Theatre, but Lady Gregory determined to go down fighting. She was told: "You have put us in a most difficult and disagreeable position by putting on a play to which the English Censor objected." She replied: "We do not take his view of it, and we think it hypocrisy objecting to a fallen woman in homespun on the stage, when a fallen woman in satin has been the theme of such a great number of plays that have been passed."

There was a great flutter in the official dovecotes, several compromises were suggested and rejected both by Shaw and Lady Gregory, but "Blanco" was played on August 25 as announced. Of that night Lady Gregory writes: "The play began, and till near the end it was received in perfect silence. Perhaps the audience were waiting for the wicked things to begin. Then at the end there was a tremendous burst of cheering, and we knew we had won. Some stranger outside asked what was going on in the theatre. They are defying the Lord Lieutenant was the answer. The crowd outside took up the cheering, and it went far out through the streets. There were no protests on any side, and the play, though still forbidden in England, is still played by us, and always with success."

That was the Abbey's last battle for existence, apart, of course, from the continual struggle with hard times. Many personal sacrifices kept the doors open right through the years. Even in the days of Dublin's troubles the Abbey kept on producing new plays, but getting poorer financially and richer in its reputation as the home and nurture place of dramatic art.

THE MODERN ABBEY.

The modern Abbey may be said to have begun only two years ago, when Mr. Sean O'Casey's "The Shadow of a Gunman" was produced. Here Dublin play-goers got "a chunk of life," to which they have taken kindly. The rising of O'Casey, the Dublin workingman, who was hardly ever at school, turned the attention of the public, all sorts and conditions of them, to the long-neglected theatre in Marlborough street. There they remained for other dramatists' work, because they learned that at the Abbey there is great acting, real presentation of Irish life, something that all have seen or felt in their own every-day experiences.

For several years past one of the most faithful of Abbey patrons has been Mr. Ernest Blythe, the Free State Minister for Finance. His appreciation of the great work so often enjoyed by him there has brought him the distinction of being the first to grant a Government subsidy to any theatre in the English-speaking world. In his this year's Budget he provided for £800 as a subsidy, and the hope is that this will be continued. Mr. Blythe told the writer that what influenced him most in providing for that State assistance was the sight of the theatre's pay list. He was amazed at the wretched sums paid as salaries to the men and women who, day after day and night after night, gave such pleasure to so many thousands of Abbey patrons, and he decided that even in this year of wholesale economy they should be fitly rewarded. His action has been applauded by lovers of the legitimate theatre wherever the traditions of the English-speaking stage still linger.

A POPULAR INSTITUTION.

The Abbey is now a popular institution, not alone for Dublin, but for all Ireland. Country folk, on their return from a visit to the city, used to be asked, "Did you go to the theatre?" The question now is: "What did you see at the Abbey?" The great ideals of the founders of the theatre have come to be appreciated, the policy of "hold fast" has won, for the uplifting of Ireland and the encouragement of all those earnest workers who are causing repertory and "little" theatres to spring up all over England from Plymouth to Newcastle-on-Tyne. All those owe their inspiration to the Abbey, and aim at its perfection in their own productions. All last summer thousands of English visitors came to the Abbey, and went home to be supporters of the new theatrical movement in their own country. The present unprecedented success of "Juno and the Paycock" in London is the Abbey's latest contribution to the uplifting of the stage in Great Britain. It has finally turned British minds to the legitimate theatre, so long neglected.

The twenty-first birthday performance on next Sunday night will be a brilliant celebration. The plays to be produced are by three of the first of the Abbey dramatists—"The Hour Glass" (Yeats), "In the Shadow of the Glen" (Synge), and "Hyacinth Halvey" (Lady Gregory). Invitations have been sent out to a number of distinguished people in Ireland and in England. It is hoped that Miss Horniman may be present. Mr. Thomas Johnson, T.D., leader of the Irish Labour Party, has been honoured with the chairmanship of the evening in gratitude for many years of support of the theatre as a "pittite." The Minister for Finance will propose the nation's vote of thanks to the Abbey players, past and present, and Lady Gregory will reply. It will be a night of enthusiasm for accomplished effort—a night of triumph. To help in the celebration Dr. J. F. Larchet has prepared a special programme to be played by his Abbey orchestra, a musical combination whose fame is one with that of the players and the producers

DISBANDING THE OMAGH "A" SPECIALS.

FAREWELL ENTERTAINMENT.

The disbandment of No. 6 Platoon Omagh Special Constabulary proceeded yesterday, when the majority of the men took farewell of their comrades and their friends in the town. On last Tuesday night they were entertained by the townspeople, when there was a very large attendance.

Colonel J. K. McClintock, C.B.E., D.L., County Commandant, and Major John Regan, O.B.E., County Inspector, and Mr. R. H. Carson, Crown Solicitor for Tyrone, were present.

Colonel McClintock expressed regret at parting with such a very fine body of men, and County Inspector Regan spoke of the friendly relations which had existed between the members of the "A" Special Constabulary and the Royal Ulster Constabulary.

The sentiment of the N.C.O.'s and men of No. 6 Platoon was responded to by Head Constable Mansell, Constable Kirkwood and Driver Taylor, while Captain Fyffe, M.B.E., Messrs. A. J. Macfarlane, and R. Rodgers responded for the Special Constabulary force.

The demobilisation of "A" Specials in Londonderry City and County takes place to-day. These consist of two platoons in the city—at the Hostel and the Courthouse—and four platoons in the county—at Draperstown, Magherafelt, Dungiven, and Maghera—taking in over two hundred officers and men.

A few men are remaining on duty at each platoon headquarters for the purpose of handing over, while the headquarters platoon are remaining at Saint Columbs for a period for administrative purposes.

NATIONAL BANK CLERKSHIPS.
Exam. announced for 11th March.
Last Examination, October, 1925. Successful from SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin:—Messrs. Connolly, Dagg, Dempsey, English, Healy, Hooper, Maguire, Moclair, Murphy, Owens, Redmond, Stuart, and Walsh. 13 of the 18 Appointments.
—(Advt.)

FOREIGN PRODUCE SOLD AS IRISH.

NORTHERN APPEAL TO PRODUCERS.

In endeavouring to foster and stimulate the demand of the British housewife for Ulster produce, one of the greatest difficulties which the Ministry of Agriculture and individual producers in Northern Ireland have had to face has been (according to a statement issued by the Northern Ministry of Agriculture) the prejudice against Irish produce which has been created by the unscrupulous action of certain retailers in various cross-Channel centres in selling foreign goods under a title purporting to indicate Irish origin. This practice has not been confined to Irish products. It has also occurred in the case of the food products of various parts of the Empire, and the Imperial Economic Committee, in their report issued this summer, recommended that legislation should be introduced providing that all produce exhibited for sale should be marked by labels indicating whether the goods in question are "Home Produce," "Empire Produce," or "Foreign Produce."

CONTEMPLATED LEGISLATION.

It was felt that the presence of such identification marks would be of great assistance to home and colonial producers in their struggle with foreign competition. Stricter regulations with regard to the marking of foodstuffs exposed for sale are also contemplated by legislation, which is at present being considered by the British Government.

Until this legislation has been passed, however, Ulster producers should take advantage of the legislative provisions which are at present in force. In Great Britain the Sale of Food Order, 1921, requires that imported meat shall be labelled as such when offered for sale, while the Merchandise Marks Act of 1887 makes it an offence to apply a false trade description to any goods exposed for sale. Unfortunately, however, administrative action in connection with the detection of offences under this Act is not as active as might be desired, and it rests very largely with individual firms to institute proceedings in any case in which they discover that the provisions of the Act are not being observed. Such action, besides being of interest to the individual firm, is also of great advantage to other producers in Northern Ireland, and every attempt by this means to put a stop to the sale of foreign goods as of Irish origin will help towards improving the position of Ulster products on the British market.

A RECENT ACTION.

In this connection, a recent action, brought by Messrs. Biggers, Limited, of Londonderry, in the Glasgow Sheriff Court against Mr. Patrick McCabe, a Glasgow provision merchant, is of considerable interest. It was shown that the defendant had exhibited in his shop a number of hams branded "Biggers' Finest Belfast." A representative of Messrs. Biggers, Limited, who called at the shop and saw the hams in the window, stated that they were not Messrs. Biggers' hams at all, but, in his opinion, were really American hams which were being sold under a trade description so close to the well-known name "Biggers' Finest Irish" that they were likely to be confused by the ordinary housewife as such. Messrs. Biggers were successful in securing an interdict preventing the defendant from infringing their trade mark and from passing off under somewhat similar trade descriptions hams which had not been produced by them.

LONDON THEATRES.

MISS SYBIL THORNDIKE IN "HENRY VIII."

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Wednesday.

Until to-night "Henry VIII." had not been played in the West End of London for fifteen years, and to-night's production at the Empire Theatre must be compared with Sir Herbert Tree's magnificent production at His Majesty's. It was a triumph for Miss Sybil Thorndike, who made her reappearance in the West End as Queen Katharine, but no less a triumph for all concerned in the revival. True, it was strange to see Shakespeare at the Empire—once the home of ballet, and later a revue and variety house, which will be rebuilt as a cinema when the run of this human comedy comes to an end. It was stranger still to see the first night audience going into the stalls smoking cigars and cigarettes, but it was not long before both cigars and cigarettes were allowed to go out. Who could smoke and concentrate on such acting?

Fine as Miss Sybil Thorndike's work was in "Saint Joan," her Katharine was finer. The dignity of the Queen in the face of impending disaster, when she had her first passage of arms with Cardinal Wolsey, was achieved with naturalness and ease; the tempestuous outburst when she defied her judge was alive; but I think her greatest triumph was in the vision scene in Kimbolton Abbey—the most difficult one of the thirteen. As the broken and deposed Queen she was a gentle figure, full of womanly tenderness, forgiveness, even for the Cardinal. The audience sat spellbound; there was not a cigarette alight nor a cough until the curtain fell. If Miss Thorndike had not long since been recognised as Ellen Terry's successor, her acting in that scene would have compelled a verdict on her claim. Dame Ellen Terry, who accepted a box with Lady Wyndham, was one of the first to congratulate Miss Thorndike.

Mr. Norman V. Norman gave us a prancing, provoking Henry VIII., full of conceits, but not the puppet that Wolsey thought. His acting was a revelation to even his friends; and there was full-blooded and pulsating drama in his dismissal of the Cardinal. Mr. E. Lyall Swete, an old Bensonian, appeared as Wolsey, and the arrogance, cunning, spleen and pride of the Cardinal at the height of his power was well portrayed, and a new note of humility, when the other side of his nature was seen after he had been disgraced, was introduced into the famous "If I had served my God as I have served my King" speech. Mr. Arthur Wontner was a forgiving and noble Buckingham. Mr. O. B. Clarence doubled the roles of Lord Sands and Cranmer with distinction, while Mr. Lawrence Anderson, who appeared as Brandon and the Earl of Surrey, showed fine fire and spirit in his rendering of the latter character. Miss Angela Baddeley used all the opportunities afforded by the part of Anne Bullen, while Miss Ada King's old lady was a joy.

The settings by Charles Richetts, A.R.A., the production by Lewis T. Casson (who spoke the prologue and played the part of Gentleman Usher to the Queen), and the music by Mr. John H. Foulds should be mentioned in connection with a notable production. If Miss Thorndike's season is not a success, then no manager can hope to make Shakespeare pay in London, and the London play-going public will have to stand in sackcloth and ashes, disgraced before all the world.

"9.45" AT THE COMEDY.

This is one of the funniest things in London. No less than five persons confess to having killed a man for whom shooting was obviously too good; and, after all—but it would be a pity to reveal a secret which is so admirably kept until the very last line. Chief honours in the acting certainly go to Arthur Finn, who gives a fine, if somewhat mild, interpretation of an American Inspector of Police. Franklyn Bellamy was convincing in the *rôle* of the hero.

CAROLS FROM "2 RN."

A programme of Christmas Carols will be broadcast from 2RN to-night, beginning at 8.30. Canon David F. R. Wilson, Precentor of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, will describe each of the carols, and the music will be sung by his choir of St. Mary's Church, Donnybrook. The following carols will be sung:—"In dulci jubilo," "Puer Nobis Nascitur" (fourteenth century), "The Furry Day," "The Three Ships," and "God rest you merry" (old English); "The Cradle Songs of the Blessed Virgin" (old provincial Noël), and "Melody of the London Waits." The carols will be preceded by the chorale, "Beside Thy Cradle," from the "Christmas Oratorio" (Bach).

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ACTIVE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

DUBLIN'S CROWDED HOUSES.

Shopping activity in Dublin yesterday became intense. In the more popular shops it was virtually impossible to make headway, or to move, except with the mass in which one became embedded from the moment of entrance. There were odd cases of fainting, due, probably, to the sharp contrast between the atmosphere of the crowded shops and the bitterly keen air outside.

As to weather, it was a curious day, and whereas in the morning people were prophesying a fine hard Christmas, in the evening they were persuaded that the English blizzard was on its way here.

Though a fine, bright sunshine made the morning delightful in the suburbs, along the shores of Dublin Bay and on the higher ground, there were fog and gloom in the heart of the city till noon. Then the sun got through, even to the marsh-founded centre of the city, but at the same moment, the barometer (which had been rising steeply—too steeply—since the previous night) suddenly turned right over and fell just as sharply. A drizzle began, with stinging drops, then turned to sleet, and for a time became definitely snow. The wind became more biting. Shoppers, intent on their tasks, seemed not to mind the discomfort. The children set the pace, and they, warmed with excitement, were not to be denied their full tour of the attractions.

Late in the evening one wayfarer, at least, was shamed from his hunched cowering in the blast by the sight of a few dozen ragged youngsters, without overcoats, and most of them without caps, who had issued from some Christmas treat, and marched, singing gaily or whooping with delight, and clasping ecstatically the "stockings" and toys they had received.

When so little gives pleasure to some, it behoves us, who have more—who go well protected against wintry weather—at least, not to grumble; better, to support the good folk who arrange these enjoyments. In another column, attention is called specially to some of the good works that must appeal to the Christmas spirit of charity.

While those youngsters were happy with one modest toy each, many others must be amassing a collection. The toy department of one of the biggest stores in Dublin was almost cleared by Tuesday night, although the buyers thought that a good margin had been provided. There was hurried replenishment of stocks, which again were reduced by yesterday's almost frenzied buying. It is not safe to conclude that the extraordinary liveliness of this year's Christmas shopping is a sign of local prosperity. It is truer, probably, to say that traders have become more keen to attract custom and to suit the measure of people's purses. If so, they are having their reward.

The revenue collected by the Post Office for the Christmas account this week must be a good amount. Friends outside the Free State seem to be slow in appreciating the scope of the import duties now in force; and people who receive parcels from outside the bounds of the Free State have heard the postman's knock with some apprehension, as the demands for three shillings per parcel have become more frequent.

ACTIVITY IN WATERFORD.

Interviewed yesterday several Waterford City drapery, grocery, fancy goods, and other traders stated that the Christmas trade in Waterford, so far, is a record, and the boom applies to trade generally. There is a busy air about the shopping areas, and country and city folk, alike, appear to be in a mood to spend money freely. A remarkable thing, said the manager of one big drapery house, is the willingness to purchase the dearer class of toys and Christmas presents.

OBITUARY.

MR. JOHN GORDON.

The death occurred yesterday, at the age of 71, of Mr. John Gordon, an ex-Lord Mayor of Leeds, who, in 1910, twice fought Central Leeds unsuccessfully as a Conservative. He was a native of Kirriemuir, in Forfarshire.

Mr. Gordon was born in a house not far from that of Sir J. M. Barrie, at Kirriemuir. He knew the author as a boy, and, having a great regard for his genius, he was much disgusted when, many years ago, the local authorities changed the names of many thoroughfares in Kirriemuir, substituting "Station road" for romantic "Marywell Brae," and converting "Wynds" into "Streets." He bided his time. A few years later Kirriemuir Council wanted to lay a water main through a field belonging to him. They were met with a blank refusal, unless they agreed to restore the old names. There was much argument and controversy. Eventually Mr. Gordon carried his point. Hence readers of Barrie who go to Kirriemuir are able to find their way about the town.

TO NORTH POLE.

NORWEGIAN EXPEDITION PLANNED.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

OSLO, Wednesday.

A new expedition to the North Pole is being planned. The leader of the expedition is Storkersen, who was a member of Stephanson's Canadian Antarctic Expedition. He plans to start in August next year from Norway for the New Siberian Isles.

From the ice the remainder of the journey to the Pole will be accomplished with sledges The latter part of the expedition will be accomplished by only five members of the party, the remaining fifteen returning to their base. From the Pole Storkersen plans to return to Norway via Greenland.

It is anticipated that the trip will last about three months. The explorer is in communication with American interests concerning the financing of the expedition, and he declares that the adventure will be carried out under the American and Norwegian flags.

U.S. MARKETS.

BIG RISE IN HIGH-PRICED SHARES.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

The Stock Exchange will be closed on the 26th instant.

Stocks opened strong, and many Industrials touched new high "records" under the impetus of an extraordinary rise in high-priced shares and the buoyancy of the wheat market. The continuance of unprecedented weekly car loadings testifying to the expansion of general business, and impressive buying of investment shares, caused a rout of the shorts. American Can jumped 17½ points to 283 on reports of exceptionally large earnings, and Atlantic Coast Line rose 12 to 266½ on the announcement of the completion of the $100,000,000 improvement programme, which was accomplished with only $6,000,000 of new financing. Nash Motor, U.S. Cast Iron Pipe, Loose Wiles Biscuit Common and 2nd Preferred advanced 8 to 9 points, and Sears Roebuck, General Electric, Woolworth, Chrysler Motor and Mack Trucks 5 to 7. In the final dealings, however, Hudson Motor, Chrysler Motor and Mack Trucks weakened under realising, but the market closed strong. Government Bonds irregular; Railroad Bonds firm. The day's sales totalled 1,620,000 shares.

Money on call closed strong, at 6 per cent. bid and 6¼ per cent. asked. All business was done at 6 per cent. Sterling exchange irregular. Silver ⅛c. lower, at 68⅞.

During this week silver valued at $489,000 was consigned to India.

	Wed.	Tues.
Call Money	6b. 6¼a	6b. 6¼a
Exchange on Lon. 60 days sight	4.80	4.80
Do do. Demand Bills	4.84⅞	4.84⅞
Cable Transfers	4.85	4.85
Do Montreal	4.85⅛	4.85⅛
Exchange Paris, cable	3.70	3.65

Eng. Parity	STOCKS.	Closing Bid Business Prices. Wed.	Done. Tues.
105⅜	U.S. Funded	102½	102¼
135⅞	Atch., Top., Santa Fe	131½	129½
99⅜	Do. Preference	96⅝	96
95⅛	Baltimore and Ohio	92½	92⅜
150⅛	Canadian Pacific	146	146
9⅞	Chic., Mil., and St. Paul	9⅝	9½
82⅞	Chicago and N.-West	79¾	78¼
39⅝	Erie Shares	38	37⅜
45½	Erie 1st Preferred	43⅞	43⅜
125¼	Illinois Central	121½	122
148⅞	Louisville and Nashville	144	142
42	Missouri, Kan., and Texas	40⅜	40⅜
40⅞	Missouri Pacific New	39	39
134⅞	N Y Ctl and Hudson R.	130⅜	129
152⅞	Norfolk and West Com.	148	147⅝
78⅞	Northern Pacific Com.	75⅜	73⅞
55⅝	Pennsylvania Shares	53⅞	53⅝
90⅞	Reading Shares	87⅝	87
41	Do Preferred	39⅜	39⅜
122¾	Southern Railway	119¾	118¾
103⅞	Southern Pacific	100	100⅜
154⅞	Union Pacific	149⅝	147½
74⅞	Do Pref	74⅞	74¼
139⅞	American Smelt. and Refining	136⅞	132
51⅞	Anaconda Copper	50	49½
28⅛	British-American Tobacco Ord.	27⅜	27⅜
96⅞	New York Consolidated Gas	94	92⅜
337⅞	General Electric	327	323½
170⅝	National Lead	165	165
[illegible]	United States Steel Common	135½	133⅛
129⅞	Do Pref	126	123
	Bethlehem Steel Com. Stock	47⅞	47⅛
118⅞	General Motors (New)	115⅞	114⅝
10⅞	Inter Mer. Marine Com. Certs.	10⅜	10⅜
41⅞	Do Pref. Certs.	40⅜	40⅜
47⅞	Shell Ordinary	46⅜	46
80	Pan-American Petroleum Ord.	77⅝	76⅝
19⅞	Anglo American Oil	18⅞	17⅜
26⅞	Shell Union Oil Corp.	26	25⅜
84	U.S. Rubber	81¼	80⅜
290⅞	American Can	282	265⅝
34⅞	International Pet. of Canada	33⅜	32⅞
	Silver Commercial Bars	68⅞	69
	BONDS		
92⅞	Atch Top New 4% Gen. Mort.	89⅞	89¾
69⅞	Erie Rail Gen. 4% Lien Bonds	67⅛	67⅜
95⅞	Union Pacific 4% Bonds	92⅞	92⅞
106⅞	U.S. Steel 2nd Mort 5% Bonds	105⅞	105⅞
121⅞	U K 5½ per cent. Bonds, 1929	117⅞	117⅞
107⅞	Do. Do 1937	104⅞	104⅞
104⅞	7 pc German Loan	101	101½

* Asked. † Ex div. ‡ Ex interest. Ex rights.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKETS.

WHEAT firm, 1¾c. to 5¼c. up.

	To-day	Prev. day
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	192¾	186¾
No. 3 Red Winter, spot	193⅝	184
No. 2 Mixed Durum, spot	163⅜	160⅞
No. 1 Northern Manitoba, spot	177⅞	172⅜

Sales for export—15 boatloads.

RYE firm, 6¼c. dearer. No. 2 spot, 112¼.

Sales for export—30 boatloads.

BARLEY firm, 1¼c. up. American malting, 74.

MAIZE firm, 3¼c. dearer.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Western No. 2 mixed spot ...	91¼	88⅝

Sales for export—Nil.

LARD firm, 35 points dearer. Prime Western steam, 15.40; Middle-West, 15.20 to 15.30.

FLOUR steady. Spring clears, 100 per cent., 7.50 to 8.00c.

FREIGHTS.

Heavy grain to Great Britain, per quarter, 2/9 to 3/3.

Heavy grain to Continent, per 100 lbs., 13c. to 16c.

Cotton—High density to Great Britain, per 100 lbs., 30 c.

Cotton—Standard bales to Great Britain, per 100 lbs., 45c.

PETROLEUM steady

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Standard White in cases ...	17.90	17.90
Standard White in barrels ...	14.50	14.50
Do. Philadelphia	14.50	14.50
Mid-Continent Crude	33-33.9	33-33.9
Pennsylvania Crude	2.95-3.65	2.95-3.65

RUBBER very dull, but steady. First latex crepe, 88¼ sellers. Smoked ribbed sheets, 87½ buyers, 88¾ sellers.

BURLAPS quiet. Hessian cloth. light-weight, 9.15; heavy-weight, 11.65.

COFFEE—

Futures—Options—	Dec.	Jan.
To-day	16.82	16.80
Prev.day	16.75	16.70

	Mar.	May	July	Sept.
To-day	16.77	16.57	16.28	15.84
Prev. day	16.69	16.45	16.23	15.75

SUGAR irregular, 1 point down to 3 points up. Centrifugal Cuban spot steady and unaltered; 96 test centrifugal Cuban, 4.11. Approximate day's sales, 65,000 tons.

Options	Dec.	Jan.	Mar.	May	July	Sept.	Dec. (1926)
To-day	2.37	2.32	2.41	2.54	2.65	2.75	2.82
Prev. day	2.37	2.33	2.40	2.53	2.63	2.72	2.79

Sugar sale—3,000 bags of Cuban sugar at 4.11 for January shipment.

TALLOW steady. Extra loose, 9¼.

TURPENTINE—Spirits of turpentine, 100; Savannah spirits of turpentine, 93.

METALS.—Tin steady, 25 points up; spot, 62.75; future option, 62.25; Tin Plates, 5.50. Lead steady, 9.25. Zinc steady and unaltered; East St. Louis, spot, 8.75. Iron steady; No. 2 American Northern Foundry, 22.00. Electrolytic Copper steady; spot, 14½ to 14¼; futures, 14½ to 14¼; Bessemer Steel Rails, 43.

WINNIPEG GRAINS.

Wheat opened firm, 2½c. to 2¾c. up, and closed firm, 4¾c. to 5⅝c. higher. Opening options—December unquoted; May, 153½; July, 151⅛. Closing options—December, 151⅜; May, 155⅞; July, 154⅞. Rye firm, 6c. to 6¼c. dearer. Closing options—December, 98; May, 103⅞. Oats firm, ⅛c. to ⅜c. higher. Closing options—December, 46⅞; May, 50⅞. Barley firm, 1⅛c. to 1¼c. up. Closing options—December, 62⅞; May, 67⅞. Flaxseed firm, 5¼c. to 3½c. up. Closing options—December, 224½; May, 231½.

Wheat receipts (carlots)	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 1 Northern	294	376
No. 2 Northern	456	408
No. 3 Northern	210	250
No. 4 Northern	39	54
Other grades	623	776
Total	1,562	1,874

NEW YORK COTTON.

COTTON opened steady, 1 point up to 14 points down, and closed steady, 25 to 17 points above yesterday's close. Spot steady at 25 points rise. New Orleans, spot, 26 points higher.

Spot, middling upland at New York, 19.40.

Spot, middling upland at New Orleans, 19.03.

Receipts—Atlantic ports, 5,000 bales; Gulf, 29,000; Pacific, 1,000; interior towns, 30,000. Exports—Britain, 20,000 bales; Continent, 7,000; Japan, 8,000.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Wednesday.

WHEAT opened strong 9c. to 3½c. higher. With the Government crop report showing a reduced yield, the consternation of shorts found expression in heavy buying, and a jump in prices took place that has seldom been equalled, except in war time. Heavy selling was encountered periodically, but enough new buying appeared to keep the market buoyant throughout. Some authorities claim that the Government report indicates that the United States has already exported wheat which will be needed here, and that large Canadian imports are in prospect, despite the duty of 42c. The market closed firm at 8¼c. to 5½c. gain. Spot firm.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 2 Hard Winter spot ...	174⅛	168¼
No. 3 Hard Winter spot ...	—	167⅛

Futures—Opening options—	Dec.	May	July
To-day	175¼	168¼	145¼
Prev. day	166½	161¾	140¾
Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May	July
To-day	173¼	171¼	147⅞
Prev. day... ...	167½	163¼	141½

	To-day.	Same day last year	This season	Last season
Receipts (W.)...	1,100	652	246,048	295,433

(In thousands of bushels.)

MAIZE opened strong, 3¼c. to 2¾c. up, and closed steady, 2¾c. to 3¼c. up.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Spot No. 2 mixed	—	77⅛

Futures—Opening options—	Dec.	May	July
To-day	77¼	84¼	85⅛
Prev. day	73⅜	80⅛	82¼
Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May	July
To-day	76⅝	84¼	85¼
Prev. day	73⅞	81	82¼

	To-day.	Same day last year.	This season.	Last season.
Receipts (W.)	1,439	858	90,108	119,187

(In thousands of bushels.)

OATS steady, ⅞c. to 1c. higher.

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May.	July
To-day	40¾	44⅞	45⅛
Prev. day	39⅜	43⅜	44¼

RYE—Futures firm, 6¼c. to 8c. dearer. No. 2 spot, 100c.

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May	July
To-day	99	105¾	102¼
Prev. day	91	99	96⅞

PROVISIONS opened firm, and good advances were made owing to the firmness of hogs, light receipts, investment buying, and in sympathy with the buying in grain prices, offerings were light. Shorts covered heavily, and there was good one-side support for the market, which closed firm, with lard futures 25 to 22½ points higher, and spot 35 points up. Ribs are unchanged to 37½ points dearer. Lard—Spot, 14.65.

Lard—Closing options	Jan.	Mar.	May
To-day	14.37½	14.20	14.25
Prev. day	14.12½	13.95	14.02½
Ribs—Closing options—	Jan.	Mar.	May
To-day	14.20	—	14.30
Prev. day	14.20	—	13.92½

BACON steady and unaltered.

Short ribbed sides (60lbs. average), 14.25.

HOGS firm, 10 points up for light sorts and 20 points for heavy. Light hogs, 10.75 to 11.60; heavy hogs, 10.60 to 11.10.

	To-day	Same day last year
Receipts—Western Cities ...	103,000	128,000
" Chicago ...	16,000	25,000

Receipts of hogs at fifteen principal Western centres, including Chicago, since the 1st November (amended), total 4,737,000, against 6,919,000 same season last year.

FREE STATE TRADE INDEX.

STEADY RISE IN POST OFFICE RETURNS.

Of all the means, statistical and otherwise, that there are of ascertaining the condition of a country's trade, there are none so near the mark as those produced by Postal Receipts, which go up and down in almost strict accord with the corresponding movements in industry.

It is, therefore, gratifying to note that Post Office Receipts for the eight months, April to November of the present year, show the very substantial increase over the corresponding period in 1924 of £24,000, and over 1923 of £26,000, while that over 1922 amounts to £24,000. The figures were:—

		£
April to November,	1922 ...	930,894.
" " "	1923 ...	928,685.
" " "	1924 ...	930,016.
" " "	1925 ...	954,314.

It should be noted that in the Budget of 1923 Printed Matter Rates were reduced from 1d. to ½d. and parcels by practically 3d. per lb., whilst in 1924 postcards were reduced from 1½d. to 1d. These returns do not include Telephones, of which very substantial reductions were made in April last. But even here, where a trading deficit was anticipated because of these reductions, it is clear now that on the contrary a not inconsiderable profit will be made for the current year. This must also be taken into consideration as a favourable point when assuming the condition of trade and industry.

The receipts showed a decline in June, 1924, under the corresponding month of the previous year, amounting to £3,325, and reached the maximum adverse figure of £8,858 in the month of November. From that month onward they continued to pick up, though still showing a loss, until June last, when the balance turned, reaching £4,365 in favour of that month over the corresponding months of 1922, 1923, and 1924. This favourable position has continued to develop until November, when it reached the substantial credit balance of £6,873.

It is, therefore, clear that trade in the Free State is making substantial strides in the right direction.

SCOTTISH APPOINTMENT.

The Secretary for Scotland has appointed Mr. Archibald C. Morrison to be Clerk of the Peace for the County of Aberdeen, in the place of Mr. James Corner, whose resignation has been accepted as from January 1st next.

"Mick" for me!
LOVE TO DADDY
"MICK's" what Men want for Xmas.

Their Xmas Carol's "*MICK FOR ME*"!

That ½ lb. tin with the gold body and domed lid is very handy and especially presentable. You can have "Mick" in 1 lb., ¼ lb. or 2 oz. tins as well tho'.

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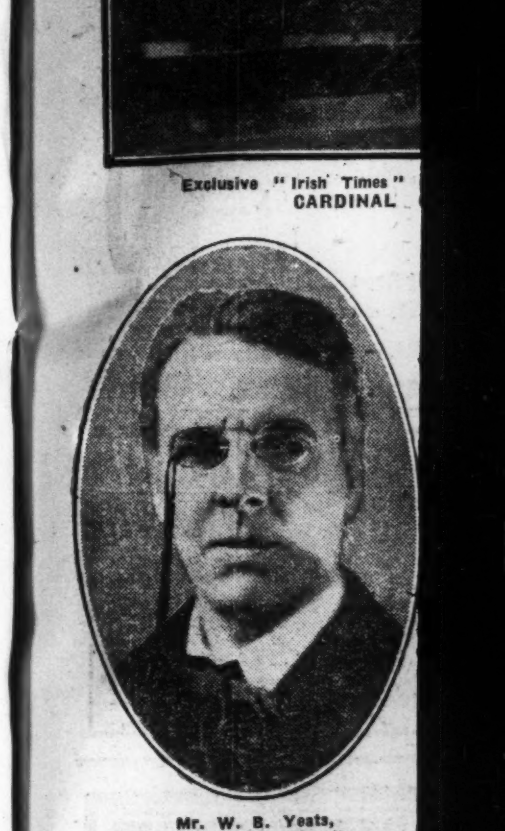
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Major-General Sir Sefton Brancker and Colonel Russell at Baldonnel.

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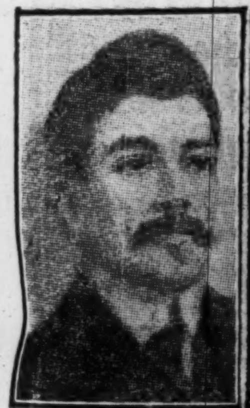
THEATRE STAFF.—Group photograph of some of the present Company.

Left to right:—
Back row:—Arthur Shields, Eric Gorman, Maureen Delaney, Gabriel Fallon, Frank J. McCormick, Barry Fitzgerald, M. J. Dolan.
Front row:—Sara Allgood, Ria Mooney, Christine Hayden, Eileen Crowe.

Lady Gregory, Director, Abbey Theatre.



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Miss Horniman, Organiser of Playgoers' Theatre Company.

Mr. William Fay, one of the Abbey's original actors.

Mr. M. J. Dolan.

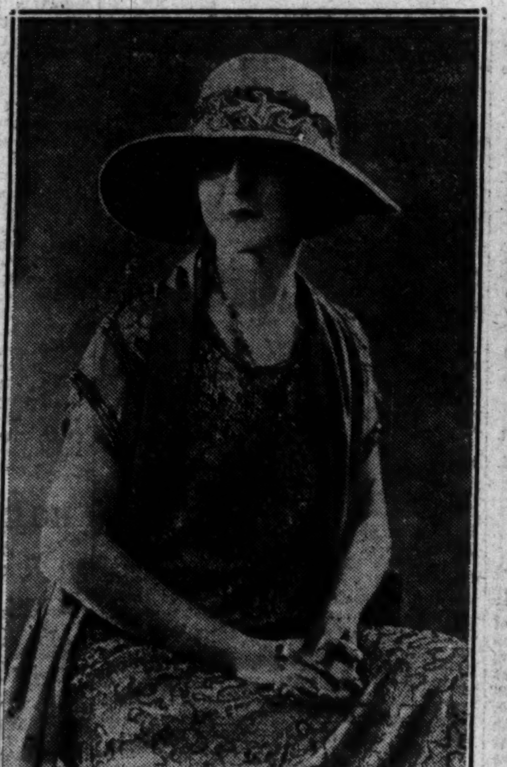
Mr. J. H. Perrin.

Mr. F. J. McCormick.

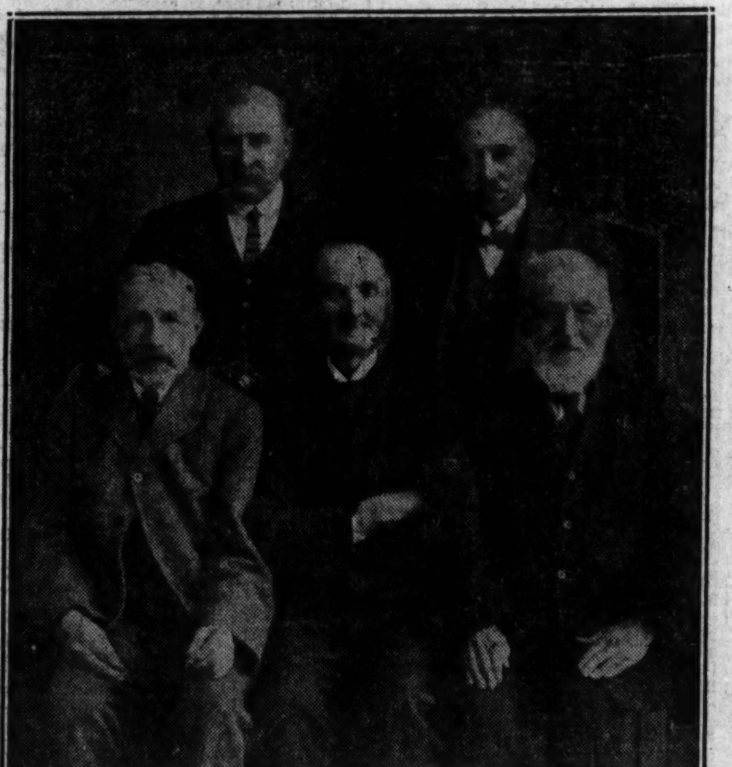
Mr. St. John Ervine.

Mr. Lennox Robinson.

Mr. Phil Taylor, the English skater, who performs feats on stilts.



LATEST FASHION.—Black and Gold Lace Gown over petunia satin, with Picture Hat of cream felt, trimmed with ruchings of pastel silk.



Messrs. James Tait, Michael Fitzpatrick, and James Coleman, to whom a Presentation has been made in recognition of fifty years' continuous service in charge of competing pedigree flocks and herds. Behind them are Mr. W. McWilliam, Land Steward to Miss Staples; and Mr. James Paterson, Land Steward to Viscount de Vesci.

An Important Event

WITHIN a week or so there will be once more in operation the large Bonded Warehouses at the entrance to Leith Docks, which were burned down towards the end of 1915. For ten years these have lain derelict; and now they have been rebuilt to help to meet the rapidly growing requirements of Macdonald & Muir.

The total accommodation thus added is, in round figures, 600,000 proof gallons of whisky, sufficient to fill 430,000 Cases of "HIGHLAND QUEEN." Macdonald & Muir's total accommodation, **in Leith alone,** is now 1,250,000 proof gallons, equal to the gigantic total of NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND CASES of "Highland Queen." This, be it noted, in addition to exceptionally large stocks of Whiskies, maturing and matured, held at their own Distilleries in the Highlands, and in others all over Scotland.

FACTS speak for themselves. FACTS are of much more importance to you than vague generalities about quality, which may be written about any whisky. The FACTS are that:—

THE DEMAND FOR "HIGHLAND QUEEN" IS INCREASING RAPIDLY; IN SCOTLAND, ENGLAND, IRELAND, WALES, AND IN EVERY SECTION OF THE GLOBE FROM CHINA TO PERU; AND—— THE REASON IS TO BE FOUND IN THE BOTTLE.

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DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

Greystones Technical School.—An exhibition of decorated Christmas cakes was held in Greystones Technical School. The specimens exhibited reflected great credit on both the teacher (Miss Reeves) and on the students of the first and second year Domestic Economy Classes. Considering that these classes were only opened last session, they have been very uccessful.

Boy's Death.—A verdict of death from natural causes was returned at an inquest at the Dublin Morgue yesterday into the death, on last Tuesday, of Henry Nordell (17½), 16 Upper Pembroke street, Dublin. The deceased, it was stated, had been suffering from a cold for three weeks, but, as his condition was not regarded as serious, no doctor was called in. The *post mortem* examination showed that death was due to general tuberculosis, following tubercular bronchial pneumonia.

Sympathy.—At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Irish Railway Stockholders' Protection Association, Limited, held at 39-41 Dame street, Dublin, resolutions of sympathy were passed and directed to be conveyed to the relatives of the late Sir Thomas Callan Macardle, K.B.E., who for some years had been a member of the committee; and with the relatives of the late Mr. William Plunket Cairnes. The meeting also recorded a motion of sympathy with Mr. John Mackie in connection with his recent accident.

Royal National Lifeboat Institution.—A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Dublin Branch was held at their offices, 110 Grafton street, Dublin, the High Sheriff presiding, and there were also present—Rev. Dr. J. Denham Osborne, Mr. James F. Boydell, Mr. Nathaniel Taylor, Lieutenant P. E. Vaux (Inspector of Life-Boats), Mr. R. Noel Guinness (Hon. Secretary), and Mr. B. J. Newcombe (Assistant Secretary). The Inspector gave a detailed report of the Poolbeg Life-Boat and Station, when suggestions were made as to the arrangements for telephonic communications with adjoining stations and with the coxswain. The audited accounts for the year ending 30th September last and draft report were submitted and approved. It was decided that the annual meeting should be held in the early part of March, the date to be arranged later.

PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.

ARRIVALS—The Earl of Wicklow, Sir D. Cotter, F. St. Oram, J. Gallagher, W. Baird, T. Morphy, J. Egar, Miss H. Brown, T. Birmingham, T. Adams, etc.

DEPARTURES—J. Bathurst, Capt. Knox Foote, H. S. Somerville, T. Sullivan, C. Heath, A. H. Leigh, S. S. Naylor, A. J. Sheeran, T. Erskine, T. Justin, J. P. Hynes, Miss L. Poundall, J. Tinsley, Mrs. J. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Middleton, etc.

LEINSTER.

Ordered to Subscribe to Charity.—At Wexford District Court yesterday, when a charge of drunkenness was brought against Myles Sunderland, Kilcorral, the Justice stated that he had given the defendant three chances already. He recorded a conviction, without a penalty, on the books, but directed the defendant to lodge in court £2 towards the funds of a charitable institution. The amount was paid.

Distress in Newbridge.—Senator Cummins presided at a largely attended meeting of the Coal Fund Committee at Newbridge Town Hall. It was stated that 170 bags of coal had already been issued, while it was found that a good response had been made to the recent appeal. The Committee stated that owing to the great amount of distress at present existing in the town and district, following on the large number of persons unemployed, a substantial sum would be required, especially during the Christmas period. It was arranged to hold a further meeting at the opening of the new year.

MUNSTER.

Tribute to Sir James Long.—At a meeting of the Cork Harbour Board yesterday, the ex-chairman, Mr. John J. Horgan, solicitor, paid Sir James Long, general manager and secretary, high compliments, and presented him, on behalf of the members of the Board, with a bank draft on the occasion of his recent marriage. Several members spoke of his great qualities, and the feeling was generally expressed that, without him, the affairs of the Board would not be conducted as they are. Sir James, in reply, thanked the members, and expressed the hope that they would all enjoy a happy Christmas.

ULSTER.

Attack on Guards.—At Lifford District Court yesterday, two brothers, James and William Doherty, Porthall district, County Donegal, were returned for trial to the Circuit Court on bail of £40 and sureties of £40 each, on a charge of assaulting and obstructing Guards Quinn and Jones, Lifford, in the execution of their duty. James Doherty was further charged with burning Guard Quinn's cap. James Doherty, it was stated, evaded arrest for three days, living in a boat on the Foyle, but surrendered to the R.U.C. on the other side of the border. The Justice said that the accused men had been before him time and again, and he was tired of listening to their promises, which they never fulfilled.

Bandits Foiled.—At the townland of Alt (Castlefin), County Donegal, as a motor lorry, the property of a Mr. Samuel Tatlor, was being driven by a man named Gillespie, who was accompanied by a man named Anderson, two masked men, armed with iron bars, attacked the occupants of the motor lorry. Jumping on the footboard, one of the masked men struck at Anderson with his bar, but, with quick presence of mind, Anderson struck his assailant with the heel of his boot, and knocked him off the lorry. Seeing his comrade getting the worst of the struggle, the other masked man ran down a lane, and was followed by the man who was knocked off the footboard. Gillespie was attacked a few weeks ago, and a sum of money taken from him.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

Lurgan 'Bus Service. — Lurgan Urban Council has granted three more new motor 'bus licences plying through, and stopping at, Lurgan, on the main road from Armagh and Portadown to Belfast.

Sentenced for Vagrancy.—At a Special Court at Strabane, two men, Edward Stafford, an Englishman, and John Hogan, Limerick, were charged by Constable James Donaghy with vagrancy. A sentence of three months, with hard labour, was ordered in each case. Stafford told the magistrates that he could obtain numerous references of good character.

Found Dead in Kitchen.—"Dear wife, mind yourself, and don't get into trouble. Good-bye—Your loving husband." This is the message which was left by William Keys (50), of Disraeli street, Crumlin road, Belfast, who was found dead in the kitchen of his home with a gas-tube in his mouth. The gas was fully turned on, and there was an overcoat over his head.

Lurgan Larceny Charge.—At a Special Court in Lurgan, an ex-Service man, named Edward Andrews, residing in Mark street, Lurgan, was remanded on bail on the charge of stealing a bicycle from an apprentice watchmaker, named Isaac Clarke, who resides in Moira. Accused man, it was stated, after taking the machine from a yard in Lurgan, cycled to Banbridge and twice to Portadown, and finally left the bicycle along the roadway near the Glenavon football ground.

Lurgan Technical School.—A scheme of technical instruction for the year 1926-27 for the Lurgan Technical School, as required by the Northern Ministry of Education, has been passed by the Lurgan Urban Council. This accounted for an outlay of £5,776 for the period mentioned. The Clerk was directed to write the Ministry, asking them to postpone the submission of the scheme, as negotiations with the County Armagh Regional Committee were going on as regards the transfer of the Lurgan Technical School

On December 31 the Royal Sussex detachment at Enniskillen will be replaced by the Sherwood Foresters.

The Down and Connor and Dromore Diocesan Temperance Banner, presented by the Rev. R. H. S. Cooper, Rector of Christ Church, Lisburn, has been won by the Waringstown Girls' Public Elementary School, near Lurgan, of which Mrs. Graham is the Principal.

THE LATE LADY ARDILAUN.

MEMORIAL SERVICE IN MACROOM.

In no part of Ireland is the death of Lady Ardilaun more sincerely regretted than in Macroom, where, in the Castle—the home of her ancestors—she was born, on the 25th of August, 1850. On the day of her burial in Dublin last Thursday the bell of the church in which she was baptised, and where she had worshipped in her young days, was tolled, and on last Sunday the church which contains many memorials of the distinguished family to which she belonged, was suitably draped in mourning, and a Memorial Service, which was well attended by the parishioners, was held. During the Service the two hymns: "Shall we gather at the river?" and "Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom," which were used at the interment in All Saints' Church, Raheny, were sung by the choir, and the Dead March in "Saul," was played on the organ by Mr. F. P. Grainger—whose father, the late Mr. John Grainger, and uncle, Mr. T. Henry Grainger, who was present at the Memorial Service—were members of the choir when Lady Olivia Charlotte White-Hedges—as she then was—with her sisters and mother, took a very real interest in the music of the church.

Preaching from the text: "Thanks be unto God, which giveth us the victory through the Lord Jesus Christ"—the Rev. A. J. Brady, M.A., said that no one endowed with wealth ever realised her responsibility more than the deceased lady, as she endeavoured to use and apply it in a way that would redound, not only to the glory of God, but also bringing the utmost benefit to her fellow human beings. Few women in similar high station in their day and generation had more adorned the doctrine of God, her Saviour, in all things, than Jane Countess of Bantry, and her daughter, Lady Ardilaun, had worthily fulfilled the high ideals of her parentage and upbringing. In one of the devotional books of which her mother was so diligent a reader this statement occurs: "Above all, we should look to this, that we give Christ the first place in our affections," and he, the preacher, personally believe from what he knew and had heard about her that Lady Ardilaun, without parade or affectation, had sought to live in the light of that scriptural injunction, as she delighted in doing good, being careful in many different directions to maintain and promote good works. This she did, however, with discrimination and with judgment, helping freely of her bounty institutions, causes and persons that stood in need of her assistance, and which she found to be deserving.

Macroom was especially dear to her, as it was the place of her birth and her first affections. The parish church owed much to her munificence, and, except for her large annual subscriptions for many years past—in addition to the generous bequest of her father, the third Earl of Bantry, which produces each year a sum of £50 in interest, for the Sustentation Fund—it would have been quite beyond the power of the resident parishioners to make up the assessment to secure the income for an incumbent. To the last Macroom was very much in her thoughts. When she met any one from the locality she always inquired most kindly about the old families that she had known in the days of her youth. Her death created a great blank; as she was so wise, so thoughtful, so far-seeing, so able, so generous, so good and so just.

LADY ARDILAUN'S DUBLIN TENANTS.

The tenants of Lady Ardilaun, who are living in Upper Dorset street, Dublin, desire to convey their heartfelt sympathy to her friends, family and relations, and to return thanks, through the agent, Mrs. Greville, for the Christmas gifts and presents that they all received. They trust that the successors and heirs of Lady Ardilaun, whose philanthropic work, not only applied to Dorset street, but to other parts of the city as well, and who was an example to landlords of tenements in the city, may long be spared to carry on the good and charitable work.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS.

(FROM OUR CHURCH OF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT.)

Christmas Day attracts us by its obvious relation to our lives. The birth of a child is an important event in the history of a family, and affects others outside the family circle. The country to which the family belongs, the human race itself will in some way be affected by the event.

The birth of the Child in Bethlehem has been the outstanding event of the world's history. Its effect on mankind is still in the working, and has not yet reached completion. We may learn something of it from a contemplation of the simple and beautiful stories in which the Incarnation finds its setting. One may read over and over again, and never weary of meditating on the mystery behind the plain tale. God manifest in flesh, appearing in the humblest circumstances, an inmate of a poor earthly home, which was in literal truth a heaven upon earth. A Child, unknown, but not unheralded, worshipped by some of the great ones of the earth, honoured by the humble and lowly—this child appeals to men of varied type.

Came the Magi, true to the highest wisdom, to offer their costly offerings to Him who was Lord of Creation. Came, too, the shepherds, the humble ones performing a menial office—despised for it, too, if the light which the Old Testament throws on the shepherd's office be true to life. And it is on the vision to the shepherds that Christmas hymn and carol prefer to dwell. Is it because we have in St. Luke the announcement of the Nativity to the common man, as the Star in St. Matthew's account, became the medium of announcement to those who lived in the higher realms of thought?

We cannot dwell on the story of the Magi without feeling that the Star with its cold, clear light typifies in some sort the lamp of knowledge, of reason, perhaps, whilst the vision of the heavenly host, with their song of glory, answers in some way to the emotions which sway the ordinary man, and demand a more colourful and warmer expression of divine truth and vision. "They were sore afraid," the good tidings are to *all* people, there is as "a sign" the babe wrapped in swaddling "clothes," "the multitude of the heavenly host praising God," and then the impulsive "let us go and see," "and they returned glorifying and praising God." It all appeals to people of simple mind and homely ways; their emotions are stirred, and they make response. There is dignity, but the dignity is of a different sort from that which appears in the story of the Wise Men.

In each instance the results are the same. Humility brings rich and poor to the manger. The vision when seen brings peace, and peace is the fore-runner of joy.

Humility is the most needed of the virtues, and the humble are especially dear to the heart of God. "He emptied Himself"—that great fact has enthroned humility, and while it is true that the poor person is not always necessarily humble, too, real humility is more likely to be found among the poor than among the well-to-do. The appearance to the shepherds was a guarantee that a hard and humble lot is no hindrance to glimpsing the heavenly vision.

"On earth peace." So sang the angelic host. The humble mind is at peace with God, and men who are at peace with God are set at peace with themselves. Man at peace with God is man without selfishness; and that sin is the root of all divisions upon earth, from the trivial street brawl to the great war, which brings desolation over half the world.

And where peace reigns there is joy. That is equally true of high life and of lowly life. This joyfulness is a necessary ingredient, for a life without joy is a life without zest—like a meal without salt—it can be got through, but there is no pleasure in it.

So we would wish to all who read these lines a simple, a peaceful, and, above all, a joyful Christmas Day.

BLANKETS TO TIPPERARY POOR.

Captain Charles Moore, Mooresfort, Tipperary, a member of the South Tipperary County Council, has given £100 worth of blankets for distribution among the poor of Tipperary town. Much distress prevails in the town.

GUARDS AT COUNCIL MEETING.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS SURPRISED.

Considerable surprise was felt by members of the Carlow County Council on Tuesday when they arrived for a special meeting to find that the approaches to the Council Chamber were guarded by a body of about thirty Civic Guards. One of the matters that was down for consideration by the meeting was the wages of the road workers.

Mr. MacGamhna said that he wanted to know the necessity for the presence of the Guards outside, and on whose instructions they were there?

Mr. Kehoe (Chairman)—As far as I know, you are not entitled to ask that question.

Mr. MacGamhna—I am entitled to ask the question. As far as we are concerned we can transact the business here without any police protection. I demand an answer.

Mr. L. Brennan—It is not necessary for the Chairman to answer the question. I was not questioned by any of the Guards.

Mr. MacGamhna—Any member here is entitled to ask the same question.

Chairman—Let us proceed with the business.

Mr. MacGamhna—You will not answer the question, then. I believe that the Guards are here on your instructions.

Mr. Comerford—When we had the "Black and Tans" here we were not obstructed in coming to the meetings.

Mr. MacGamhna—These men were not here then. I will have my question answered elsewhere.

Mr. MacGamhna had two notices of motion tabled. One was:—That any resolution or order in the minutes of the Carlow County Council," that trade union labour only be employed on work carried out under this Council be rescinded forthwith, and that Mr. Punck, the County Surveyor, be free to employ labour required who are considered suitable," be rescinded, and that the previous order be adhered to.

The second was that the motion "That the wages paid to road workers under direct labour scheme be revised if considered necessary, and reduced to 28s. per week in the case of road-workers and 33s. in the case of gangers," be rescinded, and that the wages which obtained prior to the passing of the resolution stand."

Mr. Edward Doyle, T.D., on behalf of the Transport Union, appealed to the Council to adhere to the old resolution, requiring none but trade union labour, and also appealing to the Council not to reduce the wages of the workers, who had given good service.

Both motions were defeated by large majorities.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

There will be a special Carol Service in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, this afternoon, at 3 o'clock. The preacher at Morning Service (11 o'clock), to-morrow (Christmas Day), will be the Dean. The anthem will be "There were Shepherds" (Handel). There will be Festival Evensong at 3.30 o'clock, when the Christmas anthem will be sung in full. The offerings at both Services will be for the poor of the parishes near the Cathedral. The Dean invites the public to visit the Cathedral and crypt on St. Stephen's Day. As has been the custom for many years past, the Cathedral and crypt will be open free, from 11.45 a.m., and a lecture on the history of the Cathedral will be delivered by the Dean at 12 noon. There will be a collection for the fund which has been started for restoring the clock in the Cathedral tower, which has not been in working order for some years past.

IRISH FILM IN NEW YORK.

A cable has just been received in Dublin announcing that the Irish film entitled "Land of Her Fathers," produced by Mr. Herbert H. Winslow, has had a most enthusiastic reception on its first production in New York. The scenes of the film are laid chiefly in the City of Dublin and its neighbourhood, and at Glengariff, Co. Cork. The leading parts in the film were taken by Miss Phyllis O'Hara (better known in Dublin as Miss Phyllis Wakely) and by Mr. Michael MacLaemmoir, and they were assisted by Abbey Players. In one of the scenes Miss O'Hara, the heroine, jumps from a train in motion between Stillorgan and Dundrum Stations. The Dublin streets and buildings are seen to the best advantage, having been filmed on some of the finest days during last summer, and the picture will create a favourable impression of the City of Dublin throughout the States.

SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS.

At the fortieth annual general meeting of the Cork and South of Ireland Commercial Travellers' Association yesterday, it was intimated by Mr. John J. Fitzgerald, President, who occupied the chair, that the membership was virtually the same as in 1924—viz., 106. The statement of accounts, submitted by the hon. treasurer (Mr. E. O'Neill), showed a credit balance of £1,526. The annual report and statement of accounts were adopted, and the following officers were elected:—President, J. J. Fitzgerald. Vice-President, John P. Lynch. Hon. Treasurer, E. O'Neill. Hon. Secretary, P. P. O'Sullivan.

GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE

BETTER WEATHER.

THROWN IN BEATEN A NECK.

GOOD RECOVERY BY RAMSES.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Wednesday Night.

A very marked improvement for the better in the weather was the most notable thing about the Bournemouth meeting, which concluded this afternoon. There was a fair amount of sunshine, but the going remained very heavy. Fields, on the whole, were on the small side, and the racing had not a great deal of general interest, although it was pleasing enough to the considerable holiday crowd which turned out.

The first race of the afternoon, a selling steeplechase, fell to old Gris de Lin. Odds were laid on the Irish horse, and he won quite comfortably by a length and a half from The Saint IV., on whom the young Scottish Baronet, Sir Frederick Anstruther, rode a good race. It was only an hour or two before the race that Sir Frederick bought The Saint from Lord Stalbridge, and when Gris de Lin came up for sale after the race, Owen Anthony, who trains The Saint, bought him for 210 guineas. Anthony very much expected that Thrown In, who was ridden by his owner's son, the Hon. Hugh Grosvenor, would win the Amateurs' Steeplechase, but in the most exciting finish of the day he was beaten a neck by Mr. Douglas Kennedy on Moorside. The winner, who started at 10 to 1, was entirely unfancied. All the same, it was a useful performance on the part of this unknown eight year old, who has been hunted in the North, and who was bought by his present owner from Mr. John T. Harper, of York, a couple of seasons ago.

The Selling Hurdle Race was a wretched event, and was easily won by Green Label from a field of three other runners. Transit did not run after all for the Pembroke Hurdle, in which Sir William Cooke's Star of Gold, who was a fairly useful horse on the flat, started favourite, but played no conspicuous part in the race at any time, and was beaten out of a place.

Theology won by half a length after quite a good race with Rolie, Hamlet, a good way off, third. There were five runners in the Novices' Steeplechase, in which Ramses beat a slightly better favourite in Winged Wave, after Orange Grove had been pulled up and Kosmos Lad had fallen, but the winner's pedigree suggests better things than winning an event of this kind, for he is by The Tetrarch, out of Scotch Broth. Ramses made a bad blunder in the course of the race and shot his jockey on to his neck, yet he made such a quick and clever recovery that there may be many possibilities about him as a steeplechaser.

The victory of the odds-on chance, Declare's Hope, in the Moderate Handicap Hurdle, was interesting, for it enabled F. Rees to draw within two of Foster in the table of winning steeplechase jockeys for the season. Rees, therefore, has a reasonable chance of winding up the year as the champion cross-country horseman again.

GALTEE MORE.

HAWKER.

Through a regrettable error in our English Correspondent's notes on the Bournemouth Meeting, in yesterday's issue, Hawker was referred to as being now owned by Mr. Deterding. Hawker is, of course, the property of the Irish sportsman, Mr. T. B. Bennett, in whose colours he has run with distinction both in this country and England.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Berkshire Hurdle Race, Newbury—Donegal.
Wolverhampton engagement—Becalmed, Chuck a Penny.
All engagements—Magic Ray (dead).
All published handicaps—Flaith Mor.

CURRAGH TRAINING NOTES.

THE CURRAGH, Wednesday.

A very severe frost overnight had the effect of restricting the majority of the teams to the home paddocks.

PARKINSON'S Wild Orb, Father Tom, Lomond's Lake, Too Richy and the yearlings were given healthy exercise.

GLEESON'S Proud Fairy and Shanballymore were sent a mile over fences; Tea Leaf, Scarlet Pimpernel and three yearlings were walking and trotting.

BEHAN'S Poppy Day, Clough, Vesington Wave, Vesington Planet and the rest of his string were usefully employed.

DOYLE'S Lislea, Tipperary Boy, Wisket, Stripes, Scarlet Stripes, Minnetonka and Merrie Memories cantered six furlongs.

DAWSON'S Tony Lad, Kildara Boy, Borora, Gertrude P., Ingomar, Halston, Prospice, Salve, Pipennis, Jurat and others were usefully employed.

KENNY'S Prudent Lad, White Hill, Fola, Mr. Wrigley and Dasky Natty cantered six furlongs.

COOMBS'S Ceylonese, Nightjar, Portumna, Grave Fairy, Saorstat and Argozone had healthy exercise

LEOPARDSTOWN MEETING—

Saturday and Monday, December 26 and 28.

ORDER OF RUNNING.

FIRST DAY.

Stand Plate	1 15	Tower Plate	2 45
Stewards' Plate ...	1 45	Amateur Riders'	
Newtown Plate ...	2 15	Steeplechase	3 15

SECOND DAY.

Three-Year-Old		Foxrock Plate	2 15
Hurdle	1 15	Bray Plate	2 45
Stillorgan Plate ...	1 45	Corinthian Plate...	3 15

LIMERICK MEETING—

Saturday, December 26.

Greenpark Plate...	1 15	Holiday Plate	2 15
St. Stephen's Day		Christmas Plate....	2 45
Plate	1 45	Directors' Plate ...	3 15

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

In connection with the Leopardstown meeting, which takes place on Saturday and Monday, it may be mentioned that, as a precautionary measure against frost, a plentiful supply of straw has been put down at the taking off and landing sides of the fences and hurdles.

Youyou, who figures at 100 to 1 in some of the ante-post lists on the Lincolnshire, has been sold by Mr. H. Lines to Mr. H. Stokes. The horse has gone to the latter's stud and will be mated with Somme Kiss.

Vickers' Sporting Guns & Rifles are world famous.—Advt.

LEOPARDSTOWN DECEMBER MEETING, 1925.

SATURDAY AND MONDAY, DECEMBER 26th and 28th.

FIRST RACE EACH DAY AT 1.15 P.M.

The Train, with reserved carriages for members leaves Harcourt street Station at 12.30 p.m. each day, returning from Foxrock at 3.35 p.m. each day, after racing is over.

Members will only be admitted to reserved carriages on production of their badges.

On the introduction of a Member, tickets admitting to the Members' Enclosure (Gent. 2 gns., Lady 5/6) can be obtained at the Members' Ticket Office on the Course, and at the Ticket Box at the top of the New Motor Enclosure, where tickets to the Grand Stand can also be purchased.

Combined Tickets for Course and Enclosures (except Club Enclosure) can be obtained at the Booking Office at Harcourt street Station on the days of racing.

Extreme measures will be taken to prevent betting outside the Stand Enclosures.

CHESS.

IRISH CORRESPONDENCE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The following additional scores have been made in the Irish Correspondence Chess Championship tournament:—

B. Allen, M.A.	1	W. J. Pilsworth	0
D. Weir	½	Sean French	½
Sean French	1	R. G. Heard	0
R. G. Heard	0	R. Jackson	1
W. J. Allen	1	R. Jackson	0
R. Evans, F.B.O.A. ..	0	V. Coates	1
M. Dalton	0	V. C. Doorley	1
J. Good, T.C.	0	J. Watson	1
D. Weir	0	C. MacFionlaoich	1
T. L. Moodie	1	H. A. O'Callaghan ..	0
B. Allen, M.A.	0	V. C. Doorley	1
D. Weir	0	Cu Uladh	1
T. L. Moodie	1	Sean French	0

The leading scores are:—Section A—W. J. Allen, 8 (out of 10); T. L. Moodie, 6¾ (7); Con Mac Fionlaoich and Cu Uladh each 4 (5); the Rev. Chancellor Armstrong, M.A., 4 (5); D. Weir, Sean French and H. A. O'Callaghan, 3½ each (9, 8 and 7), respectively. Section B—Victor Coates, 6 (out of 9); J. Watson, 5½ (6); B. Allen, M.A., 4 (6); V. Doorley, 2½ (6); J. Good, T.C., 2 (5); M. Dalton, 2 (4).

SWIMMING.

CLONTARF CLUB CHRISTMAS RACES.

The Clontarf Club will hold two races, one for ladies and one for gentlemen, at the Clontarf Baths to-morrow at 12.30 p.m. Post entries will be accepted from the members of all affiliated swimming clubs. Admission to the baths will be free.

BADMINTON.

PEMBROKE.—Members should note that there will be no play to-night (Thursday).

BOURNEMOUTH RESULTS.

1.0—AVON (S.) HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. Second 5 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. T. Lynch's b. g. GRIS DE DE LIN, by St. Grin—Shapan, a, 12-4 .... J. Hogan 1
Sir W. F. C. Anstruther's THE SAINT IV., a, 11-6 .... Owner 2
Mr. K. Goode's TURNING POINT, a, 11-4 .... Owner 3

Also ran—Surbiton (A. Stubbs), Greek Runner (R. Trudgill), Icemore (Mr. Pulford), Ringles Cross (A. Robson), Harewick (R. Spares). Off 1.0. (Winner trained by W. Jones.)

Betting.—"Sporting Life"—6 to 4 on GRIS DE LIN, 4 to 1 agst. Icemore, 10 to 1 any other. "Sporting Chronicle"—Same.

Won by a length and a half; six lengths. Ringles Cross was fourth and Greek Runner last.

The winner was sold for 210 gns.

1.30—BOSCOMBE (S.) H'CAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Second 5 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. P. Bartholomew's b. m. GREEN LABEL, by Helouan or Cerdrus—Red Label, a, 10-10 .... P. Fleming 1
Mr. R. C. Kidd's ST. PIERRE, 6, 10-12 .... Owner 2
Mr. V. Hunt's VICTORY SPEECH, a, 11-6 .... W. Footitt 3

Also ran—Rightline (Mr. Applin). Off 1.21. (Winner trained by J. Kelly.)

Betting.—"Sporting Life"—[illegible] to 4 agst. GREEN LABEL, 5 to 2 St. Pierre, 3 to 1 Victory Speech, 5 to 1 Rightline. "Sporting Chronicle"—Same.

Won by a length and a half; half a length.

The winner was bought in for 65 gns.

2.0—PEMBROKE HURDLE RACE of 200 sovs. Second 15 sovs., third 10 sovs. 2 m.

Major M. C. C. Harrison's b. g. THEOLOGY, by Theo Bold—Mute, 4, 11-10 .... F. Brookes 1
Mr. T. Rimell's ROLIE, 4, 11-10 .... H. Cheshire 2
Mr. H. J. Joel's HAMLET, a, 11-9 .... J. Hogan 3

Also ran—Super Man (J. Anthony), Mizzen Mast (D. Behan), Blanche Oliver (A. Smyth), Star of Gold (H. Graves), Slieve Rue (R. Burford), Psycho (T. Morgan), Mill Hill (G. Turner). Off 2.2. (Winner trained by Cramsie.)

Betting.—"Sporting Life"—2 to 1 agst. Star of Gold, 7 to 2 THEOLOGY, 6 to 1 each Super Man, Hamlet and Rolie, 8 to 1 Psycho, 100 to 8 any other. "Sporting Chronicle"—Same.

Won by half a length; five lengths. Slieve Rue was fourth and Blanche Oliver last.

2.30—NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. Second 5 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. C. S. Holtam's b. h. RAMSES, by The Tetrarch—Scotch Broth, 5, 11-5 .... A. Gregson 1
Mr. E. Lloyd's WINGED WAVE, a, 11-9 .... T. Leader 2
Mr. G. S. L. Whitelaw's's LADY BRAMSHOT, 6, 11-9 .... G. Green 3

Also ran—Kosmos Lad (W. Footitt), Orange Grove (P. Mullen). Off 2.31. (Winner trained by Whitaker).

Betting.—"Sporting Life"—5 to 4 agst. Winged Wave, 15 to 8 RAMSES, 9 to 2 Lady Bramshot, 8 to 1 Orange Grove, 10 to 1 Kosmos Lad. "Sporting Chronicle"—Same.

Won by two lengths; six lengths. Only three finished.

3.0—MODERATE HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. Second 5 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. F. W. Wilmot's b. g. DECLARES HOPE, by Treclare—Fickle Hope, 5, 10-11 .... F. Rees 1
Mr. A. Havelock-Allan's COCKER, 5, 11-10 .... T. Morgan 2
Mr. J. W. Simmond's SOLAR ECLIPSE, 4, 11-2 .... A. Smyth 3

Also ran—Magic Rod (Mr. H. Delmege), Mensassier (T. James), Palatial (Mr. R. Read), Kilcash (Mr. Grosvenor). Off 3.0. (Winner trained by Poole.)

Betting.—"Sporting Life"—11 to 8 on DECLARES HOPE, 5 to 2 agst. Cocker, 8 to 1 Magic Rod, 10 to 1 any other. "Sporting Chronicle"—Same.

Won by three lengths; eight lengths. Magic Rod was fourth, and Palatial last.

3.30—AMATEURS' STEEPLECHASE of 100 sovs. Second 5 sovs. 3 m.

Mr. E. G. D. Kennedy's br. g. MOORSIDE, by Blacksmith—Pinnafore II., a, 10-11 .... Owner 1
Lord Stalbridge's THROWN IN, a, 11-12 .... Mr. H. Grosvenor 2
Mr. W. Filmer-Sankey's GOOD POINTS, a, 11-2 .... Mr. R. Fawcett 3

Also ran—Hackdale (Mr. G. Poole), Leslie II. (Owner), Harefoot (Mr. J. Purdon). (Winner trained privately.)

Betting.—"Sporting Life"—5 to 4 on Thrown In, 7 to 2 agst. Hackdale, 9 to 2 Good Points, 10 to 1 Moorside or any other. "Sporting Chronicle"—Same.

Won by a neck; five lengths. Hackdale was pulled up.

LAWN TENNIS.

BRITISH TEAM IN SOUTH AFRICA

SOUTHERN TRANSVAAL WIN AGAIN.

JOHANNESBURG, December 23.

Although the Southern Transvaal did not field quite such a strong side for their return match with the British touring side here to-day, they won very comfortably, scoring six wins to the tourists' four. The contest resembled the match last Saturday in many respects. The heat was intense, and the sultriness of the atmosphere had a great deal to do with the poor form of the visitors. Miss McKane, in fact, was unable to meet Mrs. Peacock in the Singles owing to a slight indisposition, but she was able to play in the Mixed and Women's Doubles. However, although in the former, in which she was partnered by L. A. Godfree, the British pair sustained their first defeat of the tour. Neither she nor Godfree played up to their true form, but they put up a good fight against the veteran C. L. Winslow, who has lost none of his craft, and Mrs. Wood, the last set going to 18 games.

A gratifying feature of the play from the South African point of view was the success of the Transvaal colts, Farquharson and Hayward. Farquharson beat M. V. Summerson with comparative ease in the Singles, and, with Hayward in the Doubles registered a victory over Crole Rees and Summerson. He drove with great power from all parts of the court, and placed his shots very accurately. Summerson, on the contrary, was very uncertain, and could not get his length.

Miss Colyer's display in the Doubles in which she and Miss McKane beat Mrs. Peacock and Mrs. Pitt in straight sets, was brilliant. She was superb in her overhead work. Details:—

Men's Singles—C. L. Winslow (Southern Transvaal) beat P. R. Crole Rees (Britain)—4-6, 6-3, 8-6; Farquharson (Southern Transvaal) beat M. V. Summerson (Britain)—6-2, 7-5.

Women's Singles—Mrs. Everitt (Southern Transvaal) beat Miss Ridley (Britain)—6-3, 6-2; Mrs. Peacock (Southern Transvaal) beat Mrs. Watson (Britain)—6-4, 5-7, 6-4.

Women's Doubles—Miss McKane and Miss Colyer (Britain) beat Mrs. Peacock and Mrs. Pitt (Southern Transvaal)—6-0, 6-4; Mrs. Watson and Miss Ridley (Britain) beat Mrs. Moor and Miss Tandy (Southern Transvaal)—6-4, 0-6, 6-2.

Men's Doubles—L. A. Godfree and G. C. Eames (Britain) beat D. Malcolm and H. A. Kirby (Southern Transvaal)—6-4, 3-6, 6-1; Farquharson and Hayward (Southern Transvaal) beat P. R. Crole Rees and M. V. Summerson (Britain)—6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Mixed Doubles—C. L. Winslow and Mrs. Wood (Southern Transvaal) beat L. A. Godfree and Miss McKane (Britain)—3-6, 10-8; C. E. Eames and Miss Colyer (Britain) beat Dodd and Mrs. Hall (Southern Transvaal)—6-1, 6-1.

THE SECOND TEST.

STRONG SOUTH AFRICAN TEAM.

CAPE TOWN, December 23.

The South African lawn tennis team for the second Test match against the British touring side to be played on Boxing Day and the following Monday will be as follows:—Men's Singles—L. Raymond and J. Condon. Men's Doubles—L. Raymond and J. Condon and C. R. Blackbeard and D. Blackbeard.

Women's Singles—Mrs. G. Peacock and Miss Smit. Women's Doubles—Mrs. G. Peacock and Miss Parker, or Mrs. McArthur and Mrs. Hall and Miss Smit.

Mixed Doubles—J. Condon and Mrs. G. Peacock and L. Raymond and Mrs. Hall.

RUGBY.

THE BARBARIANS' TOUR.

For the game with Leicester, at Leicester on Monday, December 28, the Barbarians will play the following XV.:—B. R. Turnbull (Cambridge University); A. N. Other, A. R. Aslett (Richmond), T. E. S. Francis (Cambridge University), Sir T. G. Devitt (Cambridge University); A. T. Young (Blackheath), V. G. Davies (Harlequins); A. Wemyss (Gala), A. F. Blakiston (Northampton), W. W. Wakefield (Harlequins), W. R. F. Collis (Harlequins), F. W. R. Douglas (Richmond), J. Durr (Guy's Hospital), W. E. Tucker (Cambridge University), E. Coley (Northampton).

PALMERSTON 3rd A v. C.Y.M.S. 2nd.—Palmerston please note that this match has been cancelled at the request of C.Y.M.S.

WANDERERS 2nd v. CARLOW.—At Carlow on Saturday, 26th December. Train leaves Kingsbridge at 9.20 a.m.—F. K. Patterson (captain); J. Higginbotham, J. T. Keegan, C. Hillyard, S. Beere; W. J. Gore, T. D. Wallace; R. W. Hannagan, J. Carroll, A. P. Mayne, A. E. Dowds, A. F. Ryland, J. Power, W. Coghlan, R. R. Harford.

PALMERSTON 2nd v. CO. KILDARE.—This match has been cancelled at the request of Co. Kildare.

PALMERSTON A v. QUEEN'S ISLAND.—This match has been cancelled at the request of Queen's Island.

PALMERSTON 3rd v. C.Y.M.S.—At Harold's Cross road, Saturday, 26th December—Walsh; Kerr, Thompson, Shortt; Brownlee; Russell and Lane; Brownlee, Gleave, Boyce, Andrews, Howard, Johnston, Bain and Halliday.

Lansdowne v. Bective Rangers. Lansdowne road.
Old Wesley v. Lurgan. Donnybrook.
Carlow v. Wanderers 2nd. Carlow.

PALMERSTON.—Members requiring Tickets for the French International Match at Belfast on January 23rd are requested to make application (with remittance) to the Hon. Secretary, T. F. Dallaghan, 52 South Circular road, before the 31st instant.—(Advt.)

MOTOR CYCLING.

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY TRIAL.

The reliability trial, which usually forms a feature of the Christmas holidays, will this year be held under the auspices of the Ramblers' Motor Cycle and Light Car Club, which will put up for competition the Trim Challenge Cup in an open event on Saturday next, the 26th inst. For many years past the Dublin and District Club has held an open competition on St. Stephen's Day, but a re-arrangement of dates during the season gave the holiday to the Ramblers' Club.

The trial will start at 10 o'clock a.m. from Terenure, and will conclude in the afternoon at Rathfarnham. The route embraces a good deal of difficult country, the best portion being on the western side of the Co. Wicklow mountains, and touching, in its course, Ballinascorney Gap, Kilbride, Kippure and Sally Gap. From the latter point the Military road will be followed to Glencree. After ascending three observed hills—Annicrivy, the Goat's Pass and the "Waterfall of Bricks"—the competitors will re-enter Co. Dublin by the watersplash at Vallambrosa and traverse the "Colonial" section over Carrickogillgan, reaching the finishing point by Killernan, Glencullen and Kilakee. The total distance to be covered is about seventy miles.

HUNTING.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

Date.	Meet.	Hour
Saturday, 26th........	Priestown Cross Roads.	1.30
THE MEATH.		
To-day..............	Allenstown	11. 0
THE KILDARE.		
Saturday, 26th........	Straffan Bridge	11. 0

COUNTY DOWN STAGHOUNDS HUNT CLUB—January, 1926.—Saturday, 2nd, Doran's Rocks, 12.0; Tuesday, 5th, Castlevennan School, 12.45; Thursday, 7th, Ballyalton, 12.30; Saturday, 9th, Carrickmannon N.S., 12.0; Tuesday, 12th, Carnew, 12.45; Thursday, 14th, Bucks Head, 12.30; Saturday, 16th, Boardmills, 12.30; Tuesday, 19th, 2nd Milestone, 12.45; Thursday, 21st, Dromcaw, 12.45; Saturday, 23rd, Ferguson's Cross Roads, 12.0; Tuesday, 26th, Waringsford, 12.45; Thursday, 28th, The Kennels, 12.30; Saturday, 30th, Baillie's Mills, 12.30.

COUNTY LIMERICK HOUNDS.—December—Monday, 28th, Grange; Wednesday, 30th, Ballingrane. January, 1926—Friday, 1st, Garryfine; Monday, 4th, Cahermoyle; Wednesday, 6th, Four Elms (12 o'c.); Friday, 8th, Mount Coote; Monday, 11th, Clarina; Wednesday, 13th, Adare; Friday, 15th, Mayne; Monday, 18th, Crecora; Wednesday, 20th, Dromore; Friday, 22nd, Rathfredagh. 11 o'clock.

DUHALLOW HOUNDS.—December—Tuesday, 29th, cancelled; Wednesday, 30th, Harlewood (by request); Thursday, 31st, Rose Mill (11 o'clock). January—Saturday, 2nd, Carker Pike; Monday, 4th, Clonmeen; Tuesday, 5th, Brough Cross; Thursday, 7th, Clonees; Saturday, 9th, Oliver's Cross. 10.45 o'clock.

HILLSIDE HARRIERS.—Meet on St. Stephen's Day at Saggart at 2 o'clock.

THE MEATH HOUNDS.

The present week commenced tamely and with adverse luck at Dunderry Park on Monday, 21st, when foxes seemed difficult to find. However, the presence of a badger, which had scratched the earths open at one stronghold, accounted for a good deal. The pack resented this "infringement" by hunting and killing the badger, thereby getting "some of their own back." In the evening there was a short spurt from Carrolstown to ground, which ended the proceedings.

Kilbride village was the fixture on the following morning, but the field was small, in spite of its proximity to Dublin. The weather was "grey" and cold, with occasional sleet showers. Ballymacarney was blank, but there was a brace in Priestown. One of these was hunted into Cheeverstown, and then back through Captain Butler's demesne and on towards the Mayne, before hounds turned right-handed, with Ballintree gate on their left. The pace was poor and scent wretched when a fox was viewed coming towards us. However, nothing came of it, and scent failed altogether when pointing towards Caulstown. A ring from Kilrue by "the ruins" and halfway back to Cheeverstown did not develop, and it was decided to draw Boylan's, which we had been in four days previously. It held all right, and the bitches ran a left-handed ring, starting at the 10-Mile Bush side, round the covert, and marked short of Barnewall's bottoms. History somewhat repeated itself at Lagore, as the objective found ran a left-handed circle towards Ratoath, and then back through Twenty Park before hounds were whipped off at dark.

FINGAL HARRIERS.

Monday, 22nd December—Seventh Milestone. We had a nice hunt from Mabestown over a stiff country to Thornton, grief being plentiful. Here puss bore to the left, re-crossing the Ashbourne road near Seventh Milestone, and ran back into Mabestown, where scent failed. A hare found in Ballymacarney afforded another good hunt almost to Kilbride. Crossing the road into the late Mr. Gerald Doyle's farm hounds went on by Kilmartin and swung to the left, re-crossing the Kilbride road and over almost to Ballymacarney House. While casting round a fox jumped up in front of the pack, and we had a fast gallop before he got to ground in Hollywoodrath.

WATERFORD HUNT.
The Mastership of this Hunt will be Vacant at the end of this season. For particulars apply
Sir ERNEST GOFF, Bart., Hon. Secretary,
Glenville, Waterford.
—(Advt.)

GOLF.

FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY.

Royal Dublin—Sweepstakes. Morning—singles (bogey). Afternoon — Foursomes (bogey).

Portmarnock—Stroke competition.

Dun Laoghaire—Sweepstakes. Morning—Foursomes (strokes). Afternoon—Fourballs (bogey).

Castle—Morning—Fourballs, bogey; 11.30, ladies' nine holes competition. Afternoon—Mixed foursomes.

Greystones—Fourballs, bogey.

Killiney—Sweepstakes.

Newlands (Clondalkin) — Sweepstakes, strokes.

Malahide—Monthly Cup, bogey. Annual general meeting, 4.30.

Skerries—Sweepstakes.

Sutton—Stroke competition.

Howth—Fourballs.

Rathfarnham — Morning — Sweepstakes, strokes. Afternoon—Mixed foursomes, bogey.

Curragh—Mixed foursomes.

Woodbrook—Open sweepstakes.

Grange—Morning — Stroke competition. Afternoon—Fourballs.

Bundoran—Open stroke competition.

GRANGE.—St. Stephen's Day—Morning, strokes; afternoon, four-ball.

SKERRIES.—St. Stephen's Day—Sweepstakes.

CASTLE.—The following competitions have been arranged for St. Stephen's Day:—Morning, fourball v. bogey, sweepstakes; 11.30 (ladies), first nine holes; afternoon, mixed foursomes (strokes), second nine holes. Arrange own partners and opponents.

BUNDORAN.—St. Stephen's Day—Open stroke competition at 11 a.m. Entries will be received up to 10.45 a.m.

NEWLANDS.—St. Stephen's Day—Sweepstakes, 18 holes strokes. Post entries. Draws from 10 o'clock.

PORTMARNOCK.—The bar and diningroom will be closed on Christmas Day at 2 o'clock. The club waggonette will meet the 10.25 train from Amiens street in the morning, returning to Sutton at 5 o'clock for tram. On St. Stephen's Day a stroke stroke competition will be held. Arrange partners. Morning trains from Amiens street—9.30, 10.35, 11.40 and 1 o'clock.

GREYSTONES.—December 26th—Four-ball foursomes (bogey), sweepstakes. Open to visitors and temporary members.

WOODBROOK.—On to-morrow (Christmas Day) the 9.45 a.m. and 10.45 a.m. ex-Westland Row and the 1.7 and 2.7 ex-Bray trains will stop at Woodbrook. The clubhouse closes at 2 o'clock on St. Stephen's Day. Open sweepstake. Train service as on Sundays.

MALAHIDE.—December 26, monthly cup, bogey. Post entry, arrange matches. Annual general meeting in the clubhouse at 4.30 p.m.

KILLINEY.—Monthly medal. Class I.—R. L. Exshaw (11), 76. Class II.—Major Goff (15), 73. St. Stephen's Day, sweepstakes.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

RUSSIA TO PLAY FRANCE.

For some time there has been talk of a match between a French Association football team and a Russian team arranged by the Labour Sports Federation.

The match has been definitely fixed for January 1, and it will take place at the Stade Pershing. The original date chosen was October 26, but various difficulties were, it is stated, encountered by the Russian players with regard to their passports, etc. French authorisation has now been given for the Russian players to cross the frontier, and the match is being discussed with considerable curiosity, both from the point of view of the precedent which it creates and also from the strictly technical standpoint, very little being known in France of the value of the Russian players, although it is remembered that the Russian national team, which last year made a tour through Central Europe and Finland, achieved a great success. The Labour Sports Federation will put its first team into the field to meet the Russians.

SATURDAY'S FIXTURES.

FREE STATE LEAGUE.

Jacobs v. St. James's Gate.
Brideville v. Fordsons.
Athlone Town v. Shelbourne.
Bray Unknowns v. Pioneers.
Shamrock Rovers v. Bohemians.

BOHEMIANS v. SHAMROCK ROVERS.

The following will represent Bohemians against Shamrock Rovers on Saturday—Captain H. Cannon; H. W. J. Kerr, J. J. McCarthy; A. W. Kelly (captain), J. J. McIlroy, R. Carter; J. E. Bermingham, Dr. J. A. O'Flaherty, Lieutenant M. J. O'Brien, K. Matthews, J. A. Stynes.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

	Goals.		Goals.
Cowdenbeath	7	Queen's Park	3

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

DONORE HARRIERS' HANDICAP.

The ten miles cross-country handicap of the Donore Harriers for the Waterhouse-Byrne Shield, which for many years had formed the St. Stephen's Day fixture of the club, has been postponed until March 20th (provisionally). Advantage will, however, be taken of the Bank Holiday to decide the race for the Inman Cup. The event will be run over a distance of four miles and will start at one o'clock. A 'bus will leave Parkgate street at 12 o'clock for Chapelizod, where dressing accommodation will be provided.

HOCKEY.

SATURDAY'S FIXTURES.

Monkstown v. Blackrock B.C. Royal terrace, 12 o'clock.
Kingstown G.S. (P. and P.) v. Avoca School (P. and P.). Tivoli terrace, 2.30 o'clock. In aid of Monkstown Hospital.
Old College v. Coollattin (Ladies). Shillelagh.

COURSING.

SATURDAY'S MEETINGS.

MARYBOROUGH.

Judge—Mr. S. Keating. Slipper—P. McSweeney.

BLAKE STAKES—For 16 puppies. Winner, £20; second, £8; two dogs, £2 each.
Mr. W. Mahon's Monabrae agst. Mr. J. Coffey's First Crop.
Mr. M. Collinan's Curam Top agst. Mr. T. Hart's Hidden Lake.
Mr. P. Flynn's Sterling Bridge agst. Mr. P. J. Byrne's Pill Box.
Mr. T. Hart's Hidden Tears agst. Mrs. T. Ahern's Always Alert.
Mr. F. Corrigan's Big Tom agst. Mr. W. Garrett's Rodeo.
Mr. W. Mahon's Monabwee agst. Mr. L. Gleeson's Passing Event.
Mr. T. Keogh's Khan agst. Mr. W. Kelly's Tenacious.
Mr. J. Butler's Bright Violet agst. Messrs. M. and P. Geraty's Clarehaven Belle.

MIDLAND STAKES—For 13 all-ages. Winner, £24; second, £9; two dogs, £3 each.
Mr. J. J. Keane's Monument agst. Mr. J. Flynn's Lively Avic.
Mr. M. Coffey's Be Merry agst. Messrs. T. Kelly and J. Byrne's Red Prince II.
Mr. C. Booth's Master B. agst. Messrs. Cleary and Dunny's Hidden Sands.
Mr. T. Wynne's White Lad agst. Mr. J. Hyland's Free Event.
Mr. J. Dunne's The Sailor agst. Mr. A. Dunne's Johnny from Trim.
Mr. T. O'Neill's O.C. agst. Mr. P. Keenan's Ringrove Lad.
Mrs. T. Ahern's All's Well, a bye.

STRADBALLY STAKES—For 16 all-ages. Winner, £20; second, £8; two dogs, £2 each.
Mr. D. Graham's Cloncannon Boy agst. Mr. J. Hipwell's Happy Hope.
Mr. P. Geratty's Carlow Abu agst. Mr. M. Browne's Charlie.
Mr. F. Corrigan's Conquest Day agst. Mr. J. P. Garty's St. Vin.
Mr. C. Power's Peaceful Erin agst. Mr. C. Booth's Coolroe Boy.
Mr. J. Wyse's Glenora agst. Mr. P. J. Meehan's Glorious Queen.
Mr. T. Harte's Hidden Bee agst. Mr. J. Byrne's Brown Hylda.
Mr. J. Clarke's Magnet's Pet agst. Mr. T. Cusack's Clew Gearil.
Mr. P. Bowling's Little Actress agst. Mrs. T. Ahern's Tiles.

DUNDALK AND DOWDALLSHILL.

TRIAL STAKES—For 15 puppies. Winner, £18; second, £9; two dogs, £2 10/- each.
Mr. R. H. Guiney's Gorilla agst. Mr. J. J. M'Ardle's Royal Spot.
Mr. James Murphy's Orpheus agst. Mr. H. Mussen's Modifier.
Messrs. Ford and McGeough's Call to Victory agst. Mr. A. O'Donnell's O'Dorney Lad.
Mr. P. Muckian's Malsterer agst. Mr. T. Timmins' The Trick.
Messrs. M'Alinden's Mumbo Jumbo agst. Mr. J. Blayney's Well Paid.
Mr. J. M'Ardle's My Flying Lady agst. Mr. P. Mulligan's Mysterious Bing.
Mr. James Boyd's Ballet Girl agst. Mr. C. Lawless's Lanmore.
Mr. J. Lynch's Flying U., a bye.

M'ALINDEN CHALLENGE CUP—For 16 all-ages. Winner, £26; second, £12; two dogs, £3 each.
Mr. D. Chambers' Ballnacrag Boy agst. Mr. J. Waller's Midnight Sniper.
Mr. H. Mussen's Moti Mahal agst. Mr. J. Phillips' This Tune.
Mr. B. M'Kevitt's Mizzen Head agst. Mr. A. J. Kennedy's Golden Myth.
Mr. J. M'Guill's Heranman agst. Messrs. M'Alinden's Murdock M.
Mr. P. J. Small's Simple Davy agst. Mr. R. Molloy's Happiness.
Messrs. M'Alinden's Noble Earl agst. Mr. T. Stewart's Steam Beer.
Mr. T. Timmins' True Time agst. Messrs. Smyth and Larkin's Some Luck.
Mr. J. Pepper's Pert Princess agst. Mr. C. Smyth's Swanee River.

DUNDALK STAKES—For 16 all-ages. Winner, £18; second, £9; two dogs, £2 10/- each.
Mr. J. Flanagan's Flashlight XV. agst. Mr. J. M'Gill's Another Dud.
Mr. J. Morgan's Millie's Cheer agst. Mr. P. M'Keown's Slieve Foy.
Mr. H. Mussen's Markeytown agst. Mr. W. Lawless Lissen Hall.
Mr. T. Timmins' Tincture agst. Mr. J. M'Farland's Albert St. Bar.
Mr. O. Moore's Milltown Lady agst. Mr. F. Russell's Countess Fair.
Mr. J. M'Grane's Mary Selby agst. Mr. P. J. M'Namara's Lady Blackbird.
Mr. F. M'Quillan's Flippant Jest agst. Mr. R. Crawford's Elergin.
Mr. J. Boyle's Nancy Aiken agst. Mr. J. Shiels' Polish Princess.

ENNISKILLEN.

TRIAL STAKES—For 16 puppies. Winner, £20; second, £10; two dogs, £2 10/- each.
Mrs. W. E. Hurst's High Jinks agst. Mr. A. M'Creedy's Irish Peach.
Mr. J. M'Cabe's Belleek Hope agst. Mr. W. Blake's Double Bar.
Mr. T. Dickson's Drumree Victor agst. Mr. J. J. Scallan's Go Joker.
Mr. D. Crawford's Limavady Defender agst. Mr. P. Nevin's Parian Boy.
Mr. J. Wilson's Wishbone agst. Mr. J. Bogue's A Dinner.
Mr. H. Elliott's Herbert's Choice agst. Mr. J. N. Carson's Calve.
Mr. J. Griffin's Lunny's Fancy agst. Mr. B. E. Knight's Killybevlin's Gift.
Mr. C. M'Manus's Mufti agst. Mr. J. A. Devers's Disraeli.

ENNISKILLEN STAKES AND CUP—For 16 all ages. Winner, £30 and Cup (presented by the late Earl of Enniskillen, K.P.). Second, £12; two dogs, £3 each.
Mr. J. Elliott's Clonkeen Boy agst. Mr. J. E. Connolly's Dozing.
Mr. J. Abbott's Carn Hope agst. Mr. L. Nash's Major Dick.
Mr. J. Marsh's Carriganana agst. Mr. P. M'Girr's Murley Rebel.
Mr. W. Blake's Cheerful Brigand agst. Mr. J. A. Gorman's Go Clinker.
Mr. J. P. Browne's Brazen Buffer agst. Mr. M. Reilly's Master Robert.
Mr. R. P. M'Closkey's Peace Perhaps agst. Mr. J. A. Gorman's Go Spades.
Mrs. P. Martin's Emmer Rebel agst. Mr. J. Brady's Best Bower.
Mr. J. Devine's Daly Top agst. Mr. W. R. Morton's Na You See.

BELLEVUE STAKES—For 16 all ages. Winner, £20; second, £8; two dogs, £2 each.
Mr. J. P. Browne's Broken Bottle agst. Mr. A. Y. Knight's Annalore Hero.
Mr. J. R. Lattimer's Gold Label agst. Mr. J. Nevin's Young Bounder.
Mr. J. M'Guinness's Flying Terror agst. Mrs. Magner's Brown Jester.
Mr. G. Campbell's Dr. M'Carville agst. Mr. J. E. Connolly's Erne's Glen.
Mr. P. Martin's March 'Em All agst. Mr. J. Cadden's Clause XII.
Mr. S. M'Cann's Linnakelly Lad agst. Mr. J. M'Guigan's Cryptic Message.
Mr. N. Corrigan's Innishmore Boy agst. Mr. G. Crawford's Lady Carpenter.
Mr. I. Chambers's Cosy Carrothers agst. Mr. J. A. Devers's Beaded Doris.

RECENT IRISH WILLS.

A FREE BURSE IN MAYNOOTH.

The Very Rev. Edward O'Leary, of Portarlington, Queen's County, who died on 13th October last, left personal estate in England and the Irish Free State, valued at £1,230 18s. 3d. Probate of the will has been granted to the Very Rev. Matthew Lalor, of Mountmellick, and the Rev. Lawrence Joseph Kehoe, of Portarlington. The testator left £200 to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for the poor of Portarlington; £100 for the celebration of Masses; and the residue of the property for educational purposes in Carlow College.

Lieutenant John James Hardy Rowland Eustace-Duckett, late of Castlemore, County Carlow, who died on 26th December, 1924, son of the late Mr. Hardy Eustace-Duckett, of Castlemore House, Tallow, left trust property in England, valued at £7,885. Administration of the property has been granted to his widow, Mrs. Gertrude Eustace-Duckett, of the above address.

Mr. John Campbell, late of Ballyvesey, Carmoney, County Antrim, farmer, who died on 29th August last, left personal estate in England and Northern Ireland, valued at £2,402 18s. 11d.

The Rev. John Murphy, P.P., late of Conna, Co. Cork, who died July 1st, 1925, left property, valued at £9,884. He bequeathed £1,000 to St. Colman's College, Fermoy; £1,000 to the Irish Mission to China; £500 to the Superior of the Mission by the Fathers of the Holy Ghost, to Nigeria; to the Sick Curates' Fund for the Diocese of Cloyne, £500; to the Sisters of Mercy Noviciate, Queenstown, £500; to All Hallows Missionary College, Dublin, £500; to the North Presentation Convent, Cork, £200; to his executors for Masses, £300; and several sums of £100 to charities. He also provided for a free burse in Maynooth College for a student from the Diocese of Cloyne.

Mr. John J. Keegan, late of Rock road, Williamstown, County Dublin, who died 28th September last, left £5,708

Mr. John Ryan, late of Fitzwilliam square, Dublin, maltster, who died 20th June last, left £3,521

Mr. Matthew William Byrne, late of James's street, Dublin, engineer, who died 10th October last, left £5,560

Miss Annie E. Hogan, late of Donesla, Briavels, Gloucestershire, who died 15th May last, left property in the Free State, valued at £4,668

Mr. Thomas Kee, late of Ballybofey, County Donegal, merchant, who died 12th July last, left £2,385

Mr. Robert J. Miller, late of Dunkerrin, Glenageary, County Dublin, who died 17th October last, left £2,244

Sir Kingsley Wood, writes, in reply to Captain Fairfax, that 1,157 deaths have been provisionally attributed to encephalitis lethargica in England and Wales during 1925 up to the end of October. Efforts are being made, in conjunction with the Medical Research Council, to add to our knowledge of the causes of this disease, and of the possibility of avoiding it.

COMMERCIAL MEN AND BOUNDARY.

SATISFIED WITH THE SETTLEMENT.

Presiding at the annual general meeting of the United Commercial Travellers' Association of Great Britain and Ireland (Dublin Branch), at the Central Hotel, Dublin, last night, Sir Thomas Robinson, President of the Branch, said that he had to congratulate the members on a successful year's work. Speaking to them last year, while he was not pessimistic, yet there were matters which, he told them, gave their association anxiety. He thought that it was not out of place to discuss matters which affected them in their daily lives. He said definitely last year that they should acknowledge with great thankfulness that the Government of the country—a new Government—was pursuing a path with the sole object of conducting the business of the country in a thoroughly successful way, and for the benefit of the people generally. (Applause.)

Last year he called attention to the weight of taxation on the country, particularly income tax; whether the agitation which sprang up had anything to do with it or not, he did not know—but, at all events, income tax was reduced, and they hoped that it would be further reduced in the coming year.

THE BOUNDARY.

A matter which affected them all was what they believed to be the settlement of the boundary question. The members of that association had to go up and down the country, and they had a great deal of difficulty and anxiety, and he felt that the settlement which had been effected within the past month was a very satisfactory one from their point of view. (Hear, hear.) It gave them an opportunity of promoting between North and South a feeling of friendliness, confidence, and respect, and he felt that the Government of the Free State in making that settlement had placed this country in a position that it might not be placed in for a very long time only for their tact and good-will. (Applause.)

He believed that there was a good time before the country as soon as their little difficulties were overcome and their industries set going. Last year he objected, as he still objected, to certain industries being protected. One of the examples of protection during the year was that of glass bottles. The tax of 33⅓ per cent. on bottles in the drug trade was a very serious matter. Two Ministers got up in the Dail and said that all the bottles that the trade required would be ready by the 1st July. Well, anyone in the trade could have told them that they would not have been ready in July last, and would not be ready by July next, nor, perhaps, in July of the following year. There is not a single bottle for this trade manufactured in this country yet. He again congratulated the association on its success. (Applause.)

THE ELECTIONS.

Mr. H. C. Grimes proposed that Sir Thomas Robinson be re-elected President for the year 1926.

Mr. H. McClements, in seconding, said that where the shoe pinched, from a commercial point of view, was from the burden of taxation.

The resolution was carried with enthusiasm, all the members standing, and Sir Thomas suitably replied.

The retiring Chairman, Mr. S. R. Armstrong, then addressed the meeting.

On the motion of Mr. T. Gillespie, the outgoing vice-presidents, hon. solicitors, hon. council, and hon. auditor were re-elected.

The Hon. Secretary, in his report, said that there had been an increase of nineteen members during the year. The Committee had gone to a great deal of trouble in connection with the new Customs and Excise duties, and had gone before the Commissioners to try and beat out a path which travellers could follow with advantage to themselves. There was, however, still unnecessary delay at Customs stations.

The reports of the Hon. Secretary and the Hon. Treasurer, and the Hon. Secretary to the Benefit Society, all of which were highly satisfactory, were adopted.

Messrs. W. P. Weir and P. A. Wyatt were re-elected hon. secretary and hon. treasurer respectively.

Mr. J. H. Sheridan (outgoing Vice-Chairman) was elected Chairman for 1926.

Mr. Thomas Gillespie was elected Vice-Chairman.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Ladies' Committee, to Mr. W. C. Ribbeck, Hon. Auditor, and to Mr. Tarrant, manager of the Central Hotel.

PARCELS FOR EX-SERVICE MEN.

BELFAST LADY MAYORESS'S FUND.

Six thousand parcels were distributed to ex-Service men in Belfast yesterday by the Lady Mayoress, who, for the third year in succession, has organised a fund for the purpose. This year the parcels exceeded by 1,000 the number of those available last Christmas.

The Lady Mayoress was accompanied by the Lord Mayor, Sir William Turner, J.P.; Miss Turner, Sir Frederick Moneypenny, C.V.O., City Chamberlain; Captain Creighton, and Messrs. J. Allen, R. N. Kennedy, J.P.; R. Boyd, and other members of the Christmas Parcels' Committee.

The Lord Mayor handed a pound note to the first recipient of a parcel.

Each gift consisted of ½lb. tea, 2lbs. sugar, one fruit loaf, one pan loaf, and a 5s. coupon for groceries and meat. The fruit and plain bread was the gift of the Master Bakers' Association of Belfast.

The Lord Mayor and Committee having charge of the undertaking expressed their warm thanks to Alderman Barron, Chairman of the Improvement Committee, and his fellow-members for granting them the use of the east side of the City Hall for the distribution, and for the efficient arrangements of Mr. H. P. Gullen, M.Inst.C.E., which were carried out by Mr. F. Craig, Superintendent, Carpenters' Yard. Mr. John Cowzer was also associated with the arrangements.

SCOTTISH HOUSING SCHEME.

GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL ACCEPTED.

The invitation by the Premier to the Scottish Housing Company for their co-operation in overcoming the housing difficulty in Scotland was considered at a meeting of the company in Edinburgh yesterday.

This company was formed ten years ago to act as agent for the erection of houses on behalf of the Admiralty at Rosyth Dockyard. Sir John F. Findlay, Edinburgh, is Chairman of the company, and he presided at yesterday's meeting.

In a preliminary statement, prior to the meeting in private, Sir John Findlay said that definite proposals from the Government had now been received for submission to the shareholders. His personal opinion was that he trusted they would see their way to comply with the request, and render valuable public service by helping to remove the present deadlock. It was an endeavour entirely in keeping with the purposes for which the company was formed, and he regarded the request as a notable tribute to the manner in which the company, in spite of much difficulty and discouragement, had carried out the work of housing at Rosyth.

With regard to the financial arrangements he said they must be such as to involve no risk to shareholders, but, on the other hand, he pointed out that they could derive no possible advantage from it. He mentioned that the intention of entrusting this work to the company was to compensate them for loss due to the closing of Rosyth Dockyard. He also stated that applications had been already received by the company from various localities which were anxious to benefit by the scheme.

At the close of the private meeting it was announced that the Executive Committee of the company had agreed to undertake the business of providing two thousand alternative houses in Scotland as requested by the Government. Arrangements were made for proceeding at once with the necessary preliminary work.

In order to avoid complications as regards the existing shareholders and the Rosyth development it is probable that a Second Scottish National Housing Company, Limited, will be formed for the purpose of the new business. The areas in which the houses are to be erected and the numbers for each area will be determined forthwith.

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NORTHERN LICENSED TRADE.

OPERATION OF THE NEW LEVY.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Northern Licensed Trade was held on Wednesday morning in the offices, 81 High street, Belfast, presided over by the Chairman, Mr. K. Leacock. There were also present:—Messrs. T. Lynch (Vice-Chairman); J. W. Gyle, M.P.; Captain E. J. L. Turner, W. Wilson, B. Madden, J. P. Hutcheson, M. Rodgers, and the Secretary.

Mr. Gyle submitted a report on the new Licensing Levy Act, which had just received the Royal Assent. He said that it would be within their recollection that the Minister of Finance sent them a communication recently, pointing out his intention to raise the maximum levy by 100 per cent. to meet the awards of the Claims Tribunal for compensation. A deputation from that Executive had waited on the Minister, and Mr. Pollock, on that occasion, was very favourably impressed with the views submitted by the deputation.

On reading the bill, he (Mr. Gyle) found to his consternation that it was to come into operation at once and that the maximum levy had been increased by practically 100 per cent. He had immediately put the circumstances before the secretary and a special meeting of the Executive was summoned. At that meeting a deputation was appointed to interview the Minister of Finance. The deputation saw him meantime, but could not make any appreciable impression, although he admitted the justice of their case. On the Thursday he spoke to Mr. Pollock in the House and asked him to postpone the imposition of the levy until 1927, owing to the serious depression prevailing at present in the retail business. He promised to give the matter further consideration, and adjourned the bill until the following Monday.

A CONCESSION.

On Monday, when the House reassembled, he tried his luck again, but found Mr. Pollock adamant on any concession except a reduction in the maximum of 15 per cent. This was the utmost that he could extract at that interview, but he again approached the Minister just prior to the bill being taken and having enlisted the powerful influence of Mr. Joseph Devlin, they prevailed on Mr Pollock at last to agree that the bill would not operate until next year. The monetary value of the concession is represented by a saving of about £10,000 for the retailers of the city and Ulster, which otherwise would have been extracted from them by the original proposals.

Mr. Leacock said that the Executive and the licensed trade generally had reason to be grateful to Mr. Gyle for his earnest work on their behalf. He moved that the thanks of the association be tendered to Mr. Gyle for his unremitting zeal from the moment the bill was introduced until the time when the Minister of Finance agreed to what they all believed was a reasonable compromise.

Mr. Lynch seconded, and Messrs. E. J. L. Turner and W. Wilson commended the worth of Mr. Gyle, and hoped the retail trade would realise their many dangers, and the utility of a direct representative.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

ROAD ACCIDENT NEAR WATERFORD.

OLD MAN SERIOUSLY INJURED.

A serious accident occurred on Tuesday night at Holycross, near Waterford City, as the result of which an old man named William Power, of Waterford, was injured.

Power was going home to Mount Congreve at about 6 p.m., when he was knocked down. A motor car and a lorry were approaching each other at the time. The driver of the car, Maurice Sheehan, states that he had the lorry in full view all the time, and as far as he was aware there was nothing else on the road in front of him. He suddenly felt his car strike some obstruction, and on pulling up found Power lying in the road. The driver of the lorry when hailed also pulled up. Power was unconscious, and was conveyed to Waterford Infirmary, where he lies in a precarious condition. The injured man is aged about 70 years.

NEWBRIDGE PIG MARKET.

NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT.

At the meeting of the Newbridge Town Commissioners, the necessity of improving the pig market in the town was discussed. It was stated by the Town Clerk that they were at present in communication with a number of bacon manufacturers and pig dealers with a view to getting them to attend at the monthly pig fairs in future.

The Chairman (Senator Cummins) said that they also intended to get in touch with the farmers and pig feeders in the area, with a view to inducing them to help in making a success of the market. He pointed out that at present many farmers and rearers of pigs had to take the animals to Kildare and Naas, as well as Dublin, while they had some years ago one of the most successful pig markets in the Midlands in their midst at Newbridge. It was hoped that early in the new year the market would again be restored.

M'GUIRE'S COLLEGE.

The annual prize distribution in connection with McGuire's College took place at 5 Gardiner's Row on last Tuesday evening. Mr. Moorhead, the Principal, referred to the fact that this was the first function of the kind held in the new home of the College, which was so much larger than the old premises and afforded much greater facilities for the students and the staff. During the year the progress made in all departments had been most satisfactory. He referred especially to successes in the Civil Service examinations, in which stood out especially first places in keenly contested Civil Service examinations and "no failure" results in professional preliminaries and bank examinations. He said that in spite of the prevailing business depression, most of the qualified students of the commercial department had obtained positions, and he hoped that the rest would be placed early in the new year.

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CALL TO RESIGN.

MINISTRY AND CO. CARLOW TUBERCULOSIS OFFICER.

At a special meeting of the Carlow County Council on Tuesday a letter was read from the Local Government Department, stating that in the case of Dr. E. McDonald, tuberculosis medical officer, [illegible] see any reason for reconsidering the decision conveyed in the Department's letter of the 9th November calling on Dr. McDonald to send in his resignation, failing which an order would be issued removing him from office.

Mr. John P. Nolan, remarking that the Council had no other option but to call on Dr. McDonald to resign, moved the following resolution:—"That we asked, with regret, Dr. McDonald to tender his resignation, in accordance with the letter of the Local Government Department of the 9th November."

Mr. MacGumhna said that there was very strong feeling in Carlow and throughout the county in regard to the treatment meted out to Dr. McDonald. The Council should act cautiously in the matter, as he understood that the Medical Association was taking up the case.

The Chairman said that in his long experience as a representative on the public boards he had never regretted anything so much as he regretted having to put Mr. Nolan's resolution to the meeting, but they had no other alternative.

The resolution was adopted.

WELSH DAM BURST.

NARROW ESCAPE OF FARMER'S FAMILY.

A Port Talbot telegram states that Thomas Lloyd, his wife and four children, of Old Gelli Ceubren Farm, Glyn, Neath, on the mountain side, near the Rock Colliery, had a terrifying experience on Tuesday night. Just before midnight they were awakened by rushing water, and Lloyd, getting out of bed, found his house filling rapidly with water, which rose to the bedrooms till his wife and children were waist-deep. Lloyd succeeded in getting his family through a window in the rear, and all escaped. It was found that the water came from a dam which had burst owing to the flooding of an old level at the Rock Colliery. There was a terrific outflow for three hours before it subsided.

THE LANGUAGE MOVEMENT IN CO. KILDARE.

SUMMER FEIS TO BE HELD AT NEWBRIDGE.

It has been arranged that the County Kildare Feis will be held at Newbridge next summer.

A largely-attended meeting of delegates from different branches of the Gaelic League from Mid-Kildare was held at Newbridge Town Hall on last Sunday, when a Coisde Ceanntair for Mid-Kildare was established. Senator Cummins was appointed Chairman, and Mr. M. Curry, N.T., Secretary. The entire proceedings were carried out in Irish.

The Irish classes held at Newbridge, Athgarvan, Two-mile House, Brownstown, and Suncroft, it was reported, had been well attended during the season.

There is a large branch of the Fainne in Newbridge, and arrangements have been made for monthly meetings in future, when it is intended to have debates in Irish.

QUEBEC'S DAIRY PRODUCTION.

Dairy production in the Province of Quebec during 1924 amounted in value to $84,600,000, as compared with $79,000,000 in the preceding year, and to an estimate of $90,000,000 for the closing year, according to a statement issued by the provincial bureau of statistics.

The figures for the year 1924 are divided as follow:—Factory butter, $20,201,055; factory cheese, $6,326,392; home-made butter, $3,335,000; milk and cream in butter and cheese factories, $1,622,527; milk and cream coming from farms and delivered directly to cities, $27,609,561; and milk and cream used in cities, $20,419,834; cream exported to United States, $2,185,506; milk exported to the United States, $48,000; and ice cream, $990,500.

FINANCIAL NEW

TONE AND COMMENT.

DUBLIN FIRM.

NATIONAL LOAN STRONG.

There was business on the Dublin Stock Exchange yesterday at the noon session only in view of the Christmas holidays, which extend until Monday morning next.

Business was, of course, limited in practically all directions, but marked strength was shown by Government National 5 p.c. Sterling Loan, which was bid up to 98. British Funds were quietly firm. Banks were again well held. Breweries and Distilleries were in request at higher prices, with Guinness up to 75 and J. Power and Son. Pref. to 11s., gains of ⅜ and 1s. respectively. A few Grand Canal Ord. shares were picked up well under previous price. Marconis were neglected. Great Southern Rails gathered strength on a resumption of support. Trams were featureless. Alliance Gas and Dunlop Rubbers were both harder. There was general and generous support available for leading Textile and Tobacco shares, with Bradford Dyers and Courtaulds rather outstanding points of interest.

LONDON QUIET.

RUBBERS RECOVERING.

The volume of business passing in the majority of sections of the London Stock markets yesterday was again extremely small, but the general tone remained steady. In addition to the near approach of the holidays, the fact that communication with Paris was interrupted owing to the breakdown of wires, due to the storm, restricted operations. Although business in the Rubber market was small, a distinctly firmer tone was noticeable in places, many issues making good recoveries. A quiet and steady tone prevailed in the Gilt-edged market and price movements were few and far between. Dealings commenced in the new Dunlop Debentures at 1½ to 1¾ premium. Little alteration occurred in the Foreign Government Stock market, but the tendency was the turn firmer on balance. Home Rails spent a quiet and uninteresting day, and business in Colonial and Foreign Rails was also on the small side.

NEW DUNLOP DEBENTURES.

Dealings commenced yesterday in the new Dunlop Debentures at about 1½ prem., the price rising later to 1¾ prem. There were apparently 14,000 applicants for the debentures, and the issuing house has managed to make an allotment to everyone. The denominations of the debentures are of £20, £50, £100 and £500, so that actual percentage allotments have not been possible on any fixed scale. The small applicant appears to have been treated as liberally as possible, and, in the case of the large applicants, those from existing shareholders received about 10 per cent., and from the general public about 6 per cent.

CUNARD DEBENTURES.

Underwriters of the Cunard Steamship issue of £4,000,000 have had to take up about 40 per cent. of the amount.

SOME PROSPEROUS RUBBER COMPANIES.

Lumut, the well-known Harrisons and Crosfield company, in a preliminary statement, announces earnings of £62,060 for the year ended September 30 last. This is almost treble the previous total, and allows an increase in the dividend from 10 per cent. to 35 per cent. The report will be issued towards the end of the month, and should make a very satisfactory showing. Langen, a Java company belonging to the same group, is raising its distribution for the twelve months to August 31 last, to 22½ per cent., against a previous payment of 8 per cent. In this case, also, the balance-sheet will be in the hands of the shareholders later in the month. Waterfall Selangor, which recently made an issue of debentures to pay for a new estate, shows earnings of £86,595 for the year to September 30, and is able to declare its maiden distribution of 20 per cent. The current year's output, from the combined properties is estimated at 2,000,000 lb., of which 1,337,134 lb. have already been sold forward to yield a profit of over £89,000. Assuming the unsold balance gives a profit of 2s. 3d. per lb., the year's earnings are estimated at £163,712—equal to almost 50 per cent. on the capital, after providing for debenture interest.

STANDARD OIL DIVIDENDS OF OVER £30,000,000.

It is announced in New York that total dividend payments made by the companies of the Standard Oil group during 1925 have established a new high record, amounting to $153,506,099 (£30,701,220). This figure represents an increase of $3,117,542 (£623,508) over 1924.

SANTA CLAUS IN WALL STREET.

Santa Claus has already started the rounds of Wall Street, New York, which is beginning the celebration of the most prosperous Christmas in its history. The General Motors Corporation distributed the largest "Christmas dividend" of any single corporation by declaring an extra cash payment of $5 a share on 5,161,600 shares of stock outstanding, making a total extra disbursement of $25,808,000 (£5,161,000). The Brooklyn Union Gas Company declared an extra cash dividend of $7 a share on 498,170 shares of stock, or a total of $3,487,100 (£697,440). Other corporations making an extra distribution of $1,000,000 or more include the Vacuum Oil Company, Magnolia Petroleum Company, Cerro de Pasco Copper Company, Michigan Central Railroad, Studebaker Corporation and the American Tobacco Company. Wall Street's unusual prosperity has been reflected in the steadily rising costs of memberships on the two principal securities markets. Seats on the New York Stock Exchange, which sold as low as $99,000 (£19,800) earlier in the year, recently commanded the record-breaking price of $150,000 (£30,000), although subsequent sales were slightly below that figure. Kerb memberships have advanced from $8,500 (£1,700) to $37,500 (£7,500), also a record price.

JUTE SHORTAGE OF 2,000,000 BALES.

The world production of jute for the pre sent season is likely to be nearly 2,000,00 bales below probable world requirements. With the available land suitable for growin jute it is practically impossible to produce sufficient annual supply. Consequently, un less some means is discovered to increase th crop, there will be a recurrence of th shortage and a continued upward rush o prices. The seed crop must be increased l 500,000 acres, or the value of jute will rise i price each succeeding year.

RUSTENBURG PLATINUM.

The Rustenburg municipality has decide to grant to Lydenburg Consolidated Platinu two years' prospecting rights for £2,000, an thereafter a lease giving to the Council £7 per year, plus 12½ per cent. of profits on th first £100,000, increasing by 1 per cent. f each £50,000.

MICHELIN TYRE.

It is reported that representatives of th French concern, the Michelin Tyre Compan have inspected a site at Leicester for th erection of a factory to employ 10,000. Oth sites are, it is stated, being inspected a Burton, Coventry, Derby, Nottingham an Rugby. The London offices of the Michel Tyre Company states that instructions ha been given that no information whatever wa to be given on the subject, and that repor in circulation had not emanated from th office of the English company.

ANTON JURGENS.

At an extraordinary general meeting Anton Jurgens in Amsterdam, Mr. Ant Jurgens declared that 1925 was one of t best years in the history of the compan The dividend of 6 per cent. on the Pref was, of course, assured. The dividend on th Ord. shares, he said, will depend upon th pending lawsuit regarding a dividend of per cent. on the Ord. shares, which some the shareholders want the company to p in respect of the years 1922, 1923 and 192 If the company wins the suit, he added, reasonable dividend for 1925 may be e pected.

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NATIONAL LOAN STRONG.

There was business on the Dublin Stock Exchange yesterday at the noon session only in view of the Christmas holidays, which extend until Monday morning next.

Business was, of course, limited in practically all directions, but marked strength was shown by Government National 5 p.c. Sterling Loan, which was bid up to 98. British Funds were quietly firm. Banks were again well held. Breweries and Distilleries were in request at higher prices, with Guinness up to 75 and J. Power and Son, Pref. to 11s., gains of ⅜ and 1s. respectively. A few Grand Canal Ord. shares were picked up well under previous price. Marconis were neglected. Great Southern Rails gathered strength on a resumption of support. Trams were featureless. Alliance Gas and Dunlop Rubbers were both harder. There was general and generous support available for leading Textile and Tobacco shares, with Bradford Dyers and Courtaulds rather outstanding points of interest.

LONDON QUIET.

RUBBERS RECOVERING.

The volume of business passing in the majority of sections of the London Stock markets yesterday was again extremely small, but the general tone remained steady. In addition to the near approach of the holidays, the fact that communication with Paris was interrupted owing to the breakdown of wires, due to the storm, restricted operations. Although business in the Rubber market was small, a distinctly firmer tone was noticeable in places, many issues making good recoveries. A quiet and steady tone prevailed in the Gilt-edged market and price movements were few and far between. Dealings commenced in the new Dunlop Debentures at 1½ to 1¾ premium. Little alteration occurred in the Foreign Government Stock market, but the tendency was the turn firmer on balance. Home Rails spent a quiet and uninteresting day, and business in Colonial and Foreign Rails was also on the small side.

NEW DUNLOP DEBENTURES.

Dealings commenced yesterday in the new Dunlop Debentures at about 1½ prem., the price rising later to 1¾ prem. There were apparently 14,000 applicants for the debentures, and the issuing house has managed to make an allotment to everyone. The denominations of the debentures are of £20, £50, £100 and £500, so that actual percentage allotments have not been possible on any fixed scale. The small applicant appears to have been treated as liberally as possible, and, in the case of the large applicants, those from existing shareholders received about 10 per cent., and from the general public about 6 per cent.

CUNARD DEBENTURES.

Underwriters of the Cunard Steamship issue of £4,000,000 have had to take up about 40 per cent. of the amount.

SOME PROSPEROUS RUBBER COMPANIES.

Lumut, the well-known Harrisons and Crosfield company, in a prelinary statement, announces earnings of £62,060 for the year ended September 30 last. This is almost treble the previous total, and allows an increase in the dividend from 10 per cent. to 35 per cent. The report will be issued towards the end of the month, and should make a very satisfactory showing. Langen, a Java company belonging to the same group, is raising its distribution for the twelve months to August 31 last to 22½ per cent., against a previous payment of 8 per cent. In this case, also, the balance-sheet will be in the hands of the shareholders later in the month. Waterfall Selangor, which recently made an issue of debentures to pay for a new estate, shows earnings of £86,593 for the year to September 30, and is able to declare its maiden distribution of 20 per cent. The current year's output, from the combined properties is estimated at 2,000,000 lb., of which 1,337,134 lb. have already been sold forward to yield a profit of over £89,000. Assuming the unsold balance gives a profit of 2s. 3d. per lb., the year's earnings are estimated at £163,712—equal to almost 50 per cent. on the capital, after providing for debenture interest.

STANDARD OIL DIVIDENDS OF OVER £30,000,000.

It is announced in New York that total dividend payments made by the companies of the Standard Oil group during 1925 have established a new high record, amounting to $153,506,099 (£30,701,220). This figure represents an increase of $3,117,542 (£623,508) over 1924.

SANTA CLAUS IN WALL STREET.

Santa Claus has already started the rounds of Wall Street, New York, which is beginning the celebration of the most prosperous Christmas in its history. The General Motors Corporation distributed the largest "Christmas dividend" of any single corporation by declaring an extra cash payment of $5 a share on 5,161,600 shares of stock outstanding, making a total extra disbursement of $25,808,000 (£5,161,000). The Brooklyn Union Gas Company declared an extra cash dividend of $7 a share on 498,170 shares of stock, or a total of $3,487,100 (£697,440). Other corporations making an extra distribution of $1,000,000 or more include the Vacuum Oil Company, Magnolia Petroleum Company, Cerro de Pasco Copper Company, Michigan Central Railroad, Studebaker Corporation and the American Tobacco Company. Wall Street's unusual prosperity has been reflected in the steadily rising costs of memberships on the two principal securities markets. Seats on the New York Stock Exchange, which sold as low as $99,000 (£19,800) earlier in the year, recently commanded the record-breaking price of $150,000 (£30,000), although subsequent sales were slightly below that figure. Kerb memberships have advanced from $8,500 (£1,700) to $37,500 (£7,500), also a record price.

JUTE SHORTAGE OF 2,000,000 BALES.

The world production of jute for the present season is likely to be nearly 2,000,000 bales below probable world requirements. With the available land suitable for growing jute it is practically impossible to produce a sufficient annual supply. Consequently, unless some means is discovered to increase the crop, there will be a recurrence of the shortage and a continued upward rush of prices. The seed crop must be increased by 500,000 acres, or the value of jute will rise in price each succeeding year.

RUSTENBURG PLATINUM.

The Rustenburg municipality has decided to grant to Lydenburg Consolidated Platinum two years' prospecting rights for £2,000, and thereafter a lease giving to the Council £750 per year, plus 12½ per cent. of profits on the first £100,000, increasing by 1 per cent. for each £50,000.

MICHELIN TYRE.

It is reported that representatives of the French concern, the Michelin Tyre Company, have inspected a site at Leicester for the erection of a factory to employ 10,000. Other sites are, it is stated, being inspected at Burton, Coventry, Derby, Nottingham and Rugby. The London offices of the Michelin Tyre Company states that instructions had been given that no information whatever was to be given on the subject, and that reports in circulation had not emanated from the office of the English company.

ANTON JURGENS.

At an extraordinary general meeting of Anton Jurgens in Amsterdam, Mr. Anton Jurgens declared that 1925 was one of the best years in the history of the company. The dividend of 6 per cent. on the Prefd. was, of course, assured. The dividend on the Ord. shares, he said, will depend upon the pending lawsuit regarding a dividend of 15 per cent. on the Ord. shares, which some of the shareholders want the company to pay in respect of the years 1922, 1923 and 1924. If the company wins the suit, he added, a reasonable dividend for 1925 may be expected.

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LONDON MOVEMENTS.

A quiet and steady tone ruled in the gilt-edged market yesterday, and final quotations showed little change from their previous levels. Consols repeated 55, while War Loans, with the exception of a decline in the Fives to 100⅝, were also unchanged.

A slightly firmer tone prevailed in the Foreign Government Stock market. French Fives eased the turn to 13¼, but the Fours were well maintained. Peruvian Pref. at 37½ were ½ higher, while Spanish 4 p.c. at 66½ were 1½ points to the good. Brazilian 5 p.c. Funding 1914 gained a point to 80.

RAILS IDLE.

Home Rails were extremely quiet, but a generally steady tone prevailed, and the closing levels were the same as on Tuesday.

Among Colonial and Foreign Rails, Argentines were idle, but values were maintained. Canadian Pacifics and Grand Trunks were without change, but Mexican Rails 8 p.c. Pref. at 22 and the 6 p.c. Pref. at 10 were both a point easier. Cordoba Centrals were fairly well maintained, but the 2nd Pref. at 48½ were ½ easier.

RUBBER SHARES FIRMER.

Although no material expansion was witnessed in the volume of business passing in the Rubber Share market yesterday, a distinctly firmer tone prevailed and prices went forward in all directions. Here and there a slightly lower level was returned at the close of the day, but the few declines recorded were by far outweighed by the numerous increases. An unsettled tone ruled in the commodity market, and the quotation for the raw material was easier. Spot sold at 3s. 10d. to 3s. 10½d. against 3s. 11d. on the previous close, while December fetched 3s. 10d. per pound. Batu Tiga were a good market, the closing level being 3s. 7½d. higher. Buntar finished at an advantage of 2s. 6d. to 39s. 4½d. Glenbervie put on 3s. 9d. and Glenshiel and Highlands gained 2s. 1½d. each. Grand Central and Java Amalgamated were both 1s. 1½d. firmer, while Kuala Lumpur jumped to 118s. 1½d., or 8s. 1½d. higher. Labu put on 5s., Kasintoe 1s. 3d. and Ledbury 2s. 6d., while Membakut at 43s. were also 2s. 6d. firmer. Malacca gained 3s. 6d. and Pataling 2s. 10½d., while Pilmoor closed 1s. 10½d. better at 71s. 10½d. Serdang Central jumped 1s. 10½d. to 61s. 3d. Sialang gained 2s. 4½d. and Straits Rubber 1s. 4½d., while Tamiang at 64s. 4½d. and Tandjong at 90s. were 1s. 10½d. and 2s 6d. higher respectively. United Sua Betong went forward to 138s. 10½d., or 3s. 3d. higher, and Telogoredjo put on 1s. 10½d. to 105s. 7½d. x.d. Baru gained 3s. 4½d. and Bukit Kajang 3s. 9d., while Ratanui and Sedenak were both 2s. 6d. firmer. Toerangie gained 2s. 1½d. on the day to 66s. 10½d. There were many other improvements of smaller denomination, while in only a few instances were quotations lower.

TEA SHARES IRREGULAR.

Business remained on a small scale in the Tea Share market yesterday, while an irregular tendency characterised dealings. Price changes were fairly numerous, but while a number of issues went further forward, others eased off the turn. Bargang were a good spot, and here an improvement of 3s. 7½d. was recorded to 47s. Amalgamated Estates finished ⅜ higher at 40½. Darjeeling put on 1s. 3d. and Jetinga Valley closed 1s. 10½d. firmer at 49s. 10½. Jokai at 90s. 9d. x.d. showed a gain of 1s. 1½d., while Tea Share Trust at 32s. 3d. were 1s. better. Consolidated Tea and Lands, on the other hand, were again on the heavy side, and the price suffered a further sharp set-back, the closing level of 29⅛ x.d. being ⅛ lower. British Indian shed a further 3s. 9d. to 61s. 3d., and Dimbula Valley dropped 1s. 7½d. to 74s. 1½d. Doom Dooma lost 1s. 4½d., while Empire closed at a loss of 1s. 3d. to 66s. 3d. x.d. Jhanzie shed 1s. 7½d. to 88s. 1½d., and United Planters of Ceylon at 76s. 6d. were 1s. easier.

OIL SHARES FIRM.

Firmness continued to characterise the Oil Share market yesterday, with business in the leading counters on a steady scale at advancing prices, while a strong feature was provided among Venezuelans by V.O.C. Holdings, highly satisfactory news being received from the Venezuelan Oil Concessions. At the close improvements were general, the gains in some cases being of a substantial amount. Buying of the recognised leaders was accompanied by a rumour of the possibility of a further advance in Pennsylvania crude oil in the near future. In such an event companies such as the Shell, Royal Dutch and Anglo-Persian could not fail to benefit. It has already been officially stated that the production of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company can be increased considerably when market conditions permit. An outstanding feature among Venezuelans was the strength of V.O.C. Holdings, in which some influential buying was in progress. In response to persistent bidding the shares rose ⅛, the Ord. to 3⅛ and the Prefs. to 2⅞.

INDUSTRIALS FAIRLY QUIET.

In a broad sense, the Industrial market was under holiday influences, since the bulk of the business passing was negotiated in the early hours. A number of orders for Dunlop Second Debs. had accumulated pending permission to deal. A lively trading took place on the initial basis of 1¾-2 prem., but later on the quotation settled down to 1½-1¾ prem. Iron, Coal and Steel Stocks proved uninteresting, although the tone was better. Trading in Textiles was good in comparison with that in other sections, and a feature was the further demand for Bradford Dyers at 60s. 6d.; they finished 9d. better on the day, with cheap buyers in evidence. Bleachers were firm, and although only 3d. up at 80s., were bid for at that figure in the afternoon.

Some exchange business from Sewing Cottons into Dyers left the first-named 9d. easier at 61s., but Fine Spinners closed 6d. better at 53s. Courtaulds failed to hold their recent advance, and lost ⅛ to 7⅛; Listers were 6d. easier. Other changes in the group were not of consequence. Salt Union went forward to the extent of 1s. to 31s. Wall Paper Def., Assoc. Cement and Dunlops all closed unchanged Motors, as a group, were dull, with Rolls and Rovers each 6d. easier at 32s. and 10s. respectively, but renewed support for Dennis Bros. caused an advance of ⅛ to 3⅛, at which they finished distinctly firm. Tobacco and Newspaper issues ruled steady at previous levels. It was refreshing to note a turn in the tide in Marconi, quiet support for the parent issue leaving them ⅛ up at 1⅜, but all through the tone was better. Marines and Canadians did not move. Harrods further rose 1s. to 46s. Food Purveyors showed no alteration, even business in Maypole Def. drying up. With Watney Def. 1 better at 276½, the course of the Brewery section is soon told; all the popular issues remained stationary, but Booths lost 6d. to 16s.

DUBLIN PRICE CHANGES.

GUINNESS AND TEXTILES PROMINENT, RAILS, BANKS, TOBACCOS, AND DUNLOPS HARDER.

Government National Loan rose ¾ to 98.

In British Funds War Loan 5 p.c. repeated 100½, Funding Loan 85⅞, and India 3½ p.c. 66⅝. Victory Bonds fell ⅛ to 92⅝ for an odd lot, but Irish Land 3 p.c. rose ⅛ to 61⅛.

Kingstown Urban District 3½ p.c. Stock was again ineffectually bid for at 64.

Banks were firm. Nationals rose ⅛ to 20⅞, while Bank Stock repeated 279 and Munster and Leinsters 7⅞.

Breweries and Distilleries were better. Guinness Ord. rose ⅜ to 75, and the Pref. repeated 12⅛. J. Power and Son Pref. recovered 1s to 11s.

Grand Canal Ord. fell 9s. 6d. to 30s. for an exceptional lot.

In Rails, Great Southern Ord. rose ½ to 20½, the Pref. ½ to 28, 28¼, and the Debs. 1 to 61, while Great Northern Guaranteed repeated 50.

In Trams Dublin United Pref. fell ⅛ to 7¾, and the "B" 3½ p.c. Debs. repeated 65.

Alliance Gas rose ⅛ to 6⅞.

Dunlop Rubbers hardened 1d. further to 26s. 3d.

Among Manufacturing shares, Bradford Dyers rose 1s. 7½d. to 60s. 4½d., Coats 4½d. to 63s., Cottons 3d. to 61s. 9d., and Courtaulds 10½d. to 142s. 3d., 142s. 1½d. British-American Tobacco repeated 113s. 9d., but Imperials rose 6d. to 105s. 6d.

Trading, etc., were idle, but in other business done Benskins Watford Brewery Ord. realised 36s. 6d., British Controlled Oilfields 17s., and Shells 97s. 9d.

BUSINESS DONE:

National Loan..(97⅝)	98	G.S. Ord.......(20)	*20½
5% War Ln.(100½)	100½	Do. Pref...(27½)	28 28¼
Funding Loan.(85½)	85⅞	Do. Deb.........(60)	61
Vict. Bonds.(92⅞)	*92⅝	G.N. Guar......(50)	*50
3% Land ......(61⅛)	61⅛	Dub. Tram Pref.(7½)	7¾
India 3½% ...(66⅜)	*66⅝	Do. B Deb.......(65)	65
Kingstown Stock	64b	Alliance Gas.......(6½)	6⅞
Bank Stock...(279)	279c	Dyers ......(58/9)	60/4½
Mun. & Lein....(7½)	*7⅞	Coats ....(62/7½)	63/-
National ....(20½)	20⅞	Cottons .....(61/6)	*61/9
Guinness ....(74⅞)	75	Courtaulds (141/3)	142/3 /1½
Do. Pref.....(12⅛)	12⅛	B.A.T......(113/9)	113/9
Benskins Brewery	36/6	Imp. Tob....(105/-)	105/6
Do. B Deb... ...(65)	65	Hely's Pref...(17/3)	17/-
Power Pref.	11/-	Dunlops .....(26/2)	26/3
Canal Ord...(39/6)	*30/-	Controlled Oil Com.	17/-
		Shells	97/9

* Odd lot, b bid, a asked, c cash.
(Last business done given in parentheses.)

LATEST CLOSING AND STREET PRICES.

CONSOLS, ETC.

Consols	54⅞-55⅛	4½% Conv. Ln.	95¼-95⅞*
War Ln. 3½%	97⅛-97⅜	5% Treas. Bds.	101½-102¼
do. 4½%	94⅞-95⅛*	Irish Lnd. 2¾%	56-58*
do. 5%	100½-100¾ −⅛	India 3%	57-58
do. 4% (Tax Free)	100-100⅛	do. 3½%	66-67
Fund'g L'n	85⅝-86	do. 5½%	100-101*
Victory Bds	92¾-93¼	do. 7%	104-106
3½% Conv. Ln.	75-75¼	Local Lns.	63-64
		Sudan 5½%	107-109

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Aust. Com. 5½%	99-101*	Nigeria 6%	111-113*
do. 6%	103-105	Q'sland 4, 1940-50	81-83
Brit. Col. 4½ '41	92-94	do. 6% 1930-40	102-104
Canada 4%	90-92	S.Africa 4% Cns.	86-88
do. 4½ 1920-5	99½-100½	do. 6%	102-104
Cape 3½ Cons.	78-80*	S.A'strl'n 4, '40-60	81-3*
Ceylon 6%	106-108*	do. 6½%	104-106
N.S.W. 4½ '22-7	97-99*	Victoria 4, 40-60	83-85
do. 5½ 1922-7	99-101*	do. 6½% 1923-5	100-2
do. 6½% 1930-40	104-6	W.Aus 5% '35-45	98-100*
N.Zeal'd 4, '29	95-97	do. 6% 1930-40	100-102*

BANKS.

Anglo S. Amer.	7-7¼	Lloyds	63/6-64/6
Australasia	13½-13¾	Midland	8⅛-8⅜
Bank N.S.W.	40½-41½	Nat. Dis. B	8⅝-9⅛
do. N.Z.	2¾-2⅞*	Nat. Prov (£4)	11⅝-11⅞
Barclays A	7⅞-8	Royal of Can.	50-52
Brit. Overseas	3⅜-3⅝*	Stand. S.A.	11⅛-11⅜
Can of Com.	45-47	Un. Australia	14½-15
Char. of India	20⅝-21⅛	Westminster	18⅛-18⅝
Hong Kong	122-125		

FOREIGN BONDS.

M.U.—Dec. 14.				
101	Argentine, 1886	100	102	
80¼	Do. 4 p.c. Rescissions	80	82	
93⅛	Do. 5 p.c. 1909	92	94	
49½	Brazil 4 p.c., 1889	50	52	
90	Do. Funding, 1908	90	92	
78	Do 5 p.c., 1914	79	81	+1
86½	Chinese 5 p.c., 1896	86	88	
72½	Do. 4½ p.c., 1898	71	73	
58½	Do. 5 p.c., 1912	57	59	
102½	Czecho-Slovakia Bonds	102	104	
82	Egyptian Unified	81	83*	
13⅛	French Loan	12¾	13¾	−⅛
10⅛	Do 4 p.c.	9½	10⅛*	
6/6	German 3 p.c.	6/6	7/0	+0/6
102¼	German 7 p.c.	102	103	
90	Greek Loan	89½	90½	
100¼	Hungarian 7½ p.c. Ster.	100	101	
16	Italian Rentes	15	17	
88	Japan 4 p.c. 1905	87	89	
92¾	Do 6 p.c. 1924	92½	93½	
44	Mexican 5 p.c., '99	40	50	
46	Do. 6 p.c. 10-Y. Treas.	40	50	
5⅛	Peruvian Corporation	4⅞	5	
37⅛	Do. Pref	37	38	+½
99⅛	Do. Deb.	98	100	
30	Portuguese 3 p.c.	29½	31½	
—	Spanish 4 p.c.	63	67	
14¾	Turkish Unified	14½	15½	
64⅛	Uruguay 3½ p.c.	64	65	

BRITISH RAILS.

85¼	Great Western	85½	86½	
—	Do. Cons. Pref.	93	95	
73	Ldn. Mid. & Scot. Ord.	73½	74½	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	72	74	
—	Do. 4½ p.c. Red. Pref.	98	101	
—	Do. 5 p.c Red. Pref.	97	99	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref., 1923	70	72	
54	Ldn. North-East 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	55½	56½	
19⅜	Do. Def. Ord.	20¼	20¾	
—	Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref.	67	69	
—	Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref.	61	63	
69	Metropolitan	68½	69½	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	90	92	
47	Do. District	46½	47½	
73¾	Southern Pref. Ord.	74½	75½	
42⅛	Do. Def. Ord.	43	44	
39¼	Do. "A"	40	41	
7½	Do. "B"	7	8	
2⅛	Underground Electric	2⅛	2⅜	
97½	Do. Income Bonds	97	99	
105	Do. 6 p.c. Debs.	103	105	

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

88	Antofagasta	90	92	
—	Argentine G.W. Ord	80½	82½	
—	Bahia Blanca	79	81	
—	Brazil Railway Common	⅜	½	
87½	Buenos Ayres Gt. S.	89	91	
82	Buenos Ayres and Pacific	83½	85½	
77	Buenos Ayres and W.	78½	80½	
150	Canadian Pacific	150	152	
72	Central Argentine	73	75	
70	Central Uruguay	69½	71½	
23¾	Cordoba Central	23	25	
73	Do. 1st Pref.	75½	77½	
46	Do. 2nd Pref.	47½	49½	−½
44½	Entre Rios	48	50	
—	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	81½	83½	
—	Grand Trunk Pac. Deb.	47	50	
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c Guar.	76	78*	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Perp. Deb.	77	79*	
35	Leopoldina	35	37	
7½	Mexican Rails	6½	7½	
23	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	21	23	−1
11	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	9	11	−1
167	San Paulo Ord.	166	170	
100	United Havana	99½	101½	
—	Uruguay Northern Debs.	20½	22½*	

AMERICAN RAILS.

—	Atchison	133	135	+1
—	Baltimore	95	97	
—	Chesapeake	129	131	
—	Chicago, Milwaukee	9½	10½	
79	Erie	38	40	
—	Do. 1st Pref.	44	46	−1
—	New York, Ontario	29	31	
119	Southern Common	122	124	+1
—	Do. Pref.	95	97	
—	Southern Pacific	103	105	
153	Union Pacific	152	154	

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.

19/0	Allsopp £1 Shares	1⅛	1¼	
93	Do 5 p.c. Pref.	91	95	
—	Bass, Ratcliff 5 p.c. Pref.	85	88	
48/6	Do. Ord.	2⅜	2½	
57/0	Distillers Ord.	57/0	58/0	
755	Guinness	730	750	
—	Do Pref	117	122	
23/0	Peter Walker Ord.	22/9	23/9	
44/0	South African Breweries	2⅛	2¼	
21/0	Walker (John) Pref.	20/6	21/6	
289	Watney Combe Def.	274	279	+1

FOODSTUFFS AND STORES.

27/3	Aerated Bread	1⅜	1⅜*
47/0	Bovril Def.	46/6	47/6
3/6	Crosse and Blackwell	3/0	4/0
14/0	Lipton	⅝	¾
34/0	Lovell and Christmas	1⅝	1¾
3¼	Lyons (J.)	3⅛	3⅜
—	Mackintosh (J.) Pref.	21/6	22/6
6/4½	Maypole Def.	6/4½	6/10½
—	Smithfield Arg. Meat	⅛	¼
2⅛	Spratt's Patent	2⅛	2⅜
—	Union Cold Storage Pref.	18/6	19/6
1⅜	Van Den Berghs	1	1⅛
—	Do Pref.	4½	5

IRON AND STEEL.

10/6	Armstrong (W. G.)	11/3	12/3	+0/3
8/9	Cammell Laird	8/3	9/3	
8/9	Dorman Long	9/6	10/6	+0/3
14/6	John Brown	13/6	14/6	
8/9	Do. (15/ paid)	8/0	9/0	
13/3	Pease and Partners	12/6	13/6	−0/3
46/3	South Durham Steel	2¼	2⅜	
32/0	Siemens	32/9	33/9	
3/3	United Steel	5/0	6/0	
8/0	Vickers Ord.	7/6	8/6	

LAND AND INVESTMENT.

—	Aboukir Land	1⅛	1⅜	
36/9	Argentine Land Invest.	1¾	1⅞	
24/0	Do. Southern Land	1⅛	1⅜*	
9/6	B.N.B. Land	9/0	10/0	−0/3
22/3	Forestal Land	22/0	23/0*	
4⅞	Hudson's Bay Ord.	4⅞	5*	+⅛
6/9	Pekin Syndicate	6/3	6/9	
24/6	Rio Negro Lands	1¼	1⅜*	
7⅛	Sudan Plantations	7⅛	7⅜	

NEWSPAPERS

6⅛	Assd Newspapers Def.	6⅛	6⅜
32/6	Allied News Ord.	32/6	33/6
6⅛	Daily Mirror Ord.	6⅛	6⅜
3⅛	Sunday Pictorial Ord.	3⅛	3⅜

NITRATES.

17¼	Alianza	16½	17½
6⅛	Lautaro Nitrate	6⅛	6⅜
29/0	Lagunas Nitrate	25/0	27/0
2⅜	Liverpool Nitrate	2⅜	2½
64/0	London Nitrate	3⅛	3¼
26/6	Rosario Nitrate	26/0	27/0
1⅛	Santa Rita Nitrate	1½	1⅝
2¼	Santiago Nitrate	2	2¼
11/6	Tarapaca Nitrate	11/0	12/0

OILS.

3⅜	Anglo-American	3⅛	3⅜	+⅛
1⅝	Anglo-Ecuadorian	1⅝	1⅞	+⅛
1⅛	Anglo-Egyptian "B"	1⅛	1¼	+⅛
25/6	Anglo-Persian 8 p.c.	25/9	26/3	+0/1½
26/6	Do. 9 p.c. 2nd Pref.	26/7½	27/1½	
4⅛	Do. Ord., issued 3½ p.c.	4⅛	4⅜	+⅛
96	Do 5 p.c. Deb.	95½	96½	
2⅛	Apex Trinidad	2⅜	2⅝	
1⅛	Attock	1⅜	1½	
⅞	Brit. Borneo Pet. (10/-)	⅞		
8/3	British Burmah (8/-)	8/3	8/9	
17/9	British Controlled	17/3	17/6	+0/4½
18/0	Do. Pref.	18/1½	18/4½	+0/3
5⅜	Burmah	5⅜	5½	+⅛
25/10½	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	25/9	26/3	
1/9	Caltex	1/7½	1/10½	
3⅛	Eagle Transport	3⅛	3⅜	
102¾	Do. 7 p.c. Notes	102¾	103¾	
103¾	Do. Bearer	104	105	+½
14/7½	Kern River (10/-)	14/9	15/3	+0/1½
6⅜	Lobitos	6¼	6½	+⅛
19/0	Mexican Eagle	19/0	19/6	
18/0	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	17/9	18/3	−0/3
14/9	Do. 7 p.c. 1st Pref.	14/7½	15/1½	+0/1½
5/3	North Caucasian (10/-)	4/6	5/6	
3/0	Oropuche (4/- sh. f.p.)	2/9	3/0	
18/10	Phœnix	18/6	19/0	
34⅛	Royal Dutch	34	34½	+½
4⅞	Shell Transport	4⅞	4⅞	+⅛
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10)	9¼	9½	
25/6	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	25/1½	25/7½	−0/1½
2/3	Spies (10/-)	1/9	2/3	
12/6	Steaua Romana	11/9	12/3	
6/10½	Tankers Pref.	7/3	7/9	
⅞	Trinidad Central	7/9	8/9	−0/3
2⅛	Trinidad Lease	2⅛	2⅜	+⅛
6/6	United Brit. Trinidad	6/3	6/6	−0/1½
5/3	Ural Caspian	4/3	5/3	
2⅞	V.O.C. Holdings	3⅛	3⅜	+⅛
2⅜	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	2⅝	3	+⅛

RUBBERS.

M.U.—Dec. 14.			
4/4½	Amal. Rubber	4/1	+0/1
3⅛	Anglo-Dutch	62/1½	+0/9
9/9	Anglo-Java	9/4½	+0/3
2⅛	Anglo-Malay	45/0*	+1/6
11/0	Bertam Cons.	10/9	+0/3
8/0	Bukit Mertajam	7/3¾	+0/2¼
5/0	Bukit Sembawang	4/10½	+0/1½
2	Buntar	39/4½	+2/6
1⅜	Damansara	33/0	−0/9
2⅞	Grand Central	54/7½	+1/1½
3⅛	Highlands	68/1½	+2/1½
3/6	Jugra Land	33/9	
6/6	Kamuning	6/3	+0/2½
11/6	Kepong	11/3	+0/6
6⅛	Kuala Lumpur	118/1½	+8/1½
56/1	Kuala Muda	54/7½	+1/3
3⅛	Labu	70/0	+5/0
3⅜	Linggi	62/10½	+0/4½
8/6	London Asiatic	7/9¾*	+0/2¼
5⅛	Malacca	100/0*	+3/6
53/9	Malayalam	53/4½	+1/6
7/10½	Merlimau	7/4½	+0/2½
2⅛	Moopiy Valley	55/4½	−0/4½
52/0	Rubber Trust	49/10½	+0/4½
2⅞	Seafield (New)	55/3	+0/10½
3⅛	Sendayan	68/6	+1/0
4⅛	Sialang	60/4½	+2/4½
38/9	Straits Rubber	36/4½	+1/4½
9/4½	Sumatra Para	8/6	
48/9	Tali Ayer	47/6	+/10½
4⅞	Tandjong	90/0	+2/6
55/-	Tandjong Malim	46/3	+0/7½
8/9	United Serdang	8/5¼	+0/2¼
7⅜	United Sua Betong	138/10½	+3/3
27/-	Vallambrosa	26/6	+0/7½

Abaco	90/6		Lendu	56/3	
Allagar	4/10½		Loengoer	4/0	
Allied Sum	25/4½	+/10½	Manch'ter N.B.	31/1½	−0/3
Ampat	9/0¾	+0/2¼	Membakut	43/0	+2/6
Anglo-Sum	122/6*		Mendaris	47/7½	+0/9
Bah Lias	63/4½	+0/4½	N. Hummock	36/6	
Baru (Java)	83/4½	+3/4½	New Haycop	3/3	
Batang	3/3		P.P.K. (C'y'n)	43/1½	
Bernam Perak	63/9	−0/7½	Pahi Pits (1/8p)	3/3	+0/2
Batu Tiga	85/3	+3/7½	Pataling	38/3	+2/10½
B.N.B.R. Trst	20/9	+0/9	Pegoh	79/4½	
Broome Sel	43/1½	+/10½	Pilmoor	71/10½	+1/10½
Bukit Cloh	11/3	+0/3	Port Dickson	7/3¾	+0/2¼
Bukit Kajang	88/1½	+3/9	Ratanui	60/3	+2/6
Bukit Rajah	49/3	+1/1½	Rim Malacca	6/1	+0/4
Castlefield	15/3	+0/4½	Rub. E. Johore	42/3	+0/7½
Ceylon Timber	8/3	+0/2	Sapong	79/6	+0/6
Cicely	12/1½	+0/4½	Sapumalk'de	40/10½	+/10½
Dennistown	4/6¾		Sedenak	70/0	+2/6
Eastern Sum.	5/9		Sekong	25/7½	−0/4½
Eastern Trust	44/4½		Selangor	8/3	+0/3¾
F.M.S. Plant.	85/0	+0/3	Sepang Sel.	37/6	+1/0
Gadjah	13/4½	+0/6	Serdang C'nt'l	61/3	+1/10½
Gen. Ceylon	69/1½	+0/1½	Sing United	4/3	+0/1½
Glenbervie	72/6	+3/9	Singapore Para	4/6	+0/0¾
Glenshiel	33/9	+2/1½	Soember Ajoe	4/7½	+0/4½
Golden Hope	58/9		Sumatra Con.	60/7½	+0/7½
Hongkong Sel.	86/3		Sungei Buaya	75/0	
Insulinde	4/11½		Sungei Choh	36/3	+0/1½
Java Amal.	58/1½	+1/1½	Sungei Kapar	9/9	−0/3
Kapar Para	83/9	+0/7½	Sungei Kr. Pf.	77/6	
Kasintoe	58/9	+1/3	Taiping	3/11½	−0/0¾
Kepitigalla	4/7	+0/2½	Tamiang	64/4½	+1/10½
Rombok	7/1½	+0/3	Tebrau	78/6	−0/3
Kuala Sel	10/6	+0/1½	Telogoredjo	105/7½*	+1/10½
Kwaloe	5/6¾	+0/1½	Tempeh	4/1	
Langkat Sum	60/9*	−0/3	Toerangie	66/10½	+2/1½
Laras	7/4½	+0/1½	Un. Temiang	6/6¾	+0/1½
Ledbury	73/9	+2/6	Waverley	4/0¾	−0/0¾
			Yam Seng	7/1½	+0/6

SHIPPING.

10/6	Cargo Fleet	9/9	10/9
—	Court Line	25/6	26/6
—	Cunard Ord.	16/6	17/6
18/3	Elder Dempster 6 p.c. Pf.	17/6	18/6*
—	Furness Withy	27/6	28/6
—	P. and O. Def.	235	245*
—	Royal Mail Ord.	82	87

TEAS.

Amal. Estates	40¼	+¼	Doom Dooma	90/7½*	−1/4½
Anglo-Ceylon	49/3	+1/0	E.I.&Ceylon	63/9*	
Assam Co.	46/1½	−0/3	E. Assam	6/9*	−0/9
Assam Cons.	18/6	+0/3	East Produce	98/10½	−/7½
Assam Dooars	41½		Empire	66/3*	−1/3
Assam Front'r	24/9	−0/6	Galaha Ceylon	47/1½	−0/1½
Aso.T.E.Cy'ln	66/0	+0/4½	Imperial	47/0*	
Borelli	85/6		Jhanzie	88/1½	−1/7½
Brahmapootra	32⅞		Jokai	90/9*	+1/1½
British Assam	80/7½		Jorehaut	92/3	−0/4½
Brit. Indian	61/3	−3/9	Lungla	34/10½	−0/3
Budla Beta	6⅛	−⅛	Majuli	68/1¼	
Cachar & Do'ar	76/3		Moabund	63/10½	
Ceylon Plant.	6⅜		Nederm	64/4½	
Ceylon Prop.	66/6	−0/6	New Sylhet	88/9	
Chubwa	93/9		Peacock & Nil	4/4½	+0/1½
Chulsa	50/6		Poonmudi	4/6	+0/1½
Con. Tea & L.	29⅛*	−⅛	Rosehaugh Cey	42/6	
Darjeeling Co.	42/9*	+1/3	Singlo	66/4½	+0/3
Doundi	20/0	−0/3	Tea Share Trus	32/3	+1/0
Dimbula Val.	74/1½	−1/7½	Travancore	98/3	−0/3
Dooars	75/0*		Up. Assam	49/0	

TELEGRAPHS.

24¾	Anglo-American Def.	24⅝	25⅛	
1⅛	Marconi Wireless Ord.	1⅛	1⅜	+⅛
—	Do. Pref.	1⅛	1⅜	
—	Do. Debs.	100	101	
17/3	Do. Marine	16/9	17/3	
5/0	Do. Canada	4/6	5/0	
—	Oriental Telephone	2⅛	2⅜	
9⅛	Radio Corporation	9⅛	9⅜	
9⅛	Do. Pref. ($50)	8⅞	9⅜	

TEXTILES AND STORES.

7/1½	Amalgamated Cotton	7/0	7/6	
77/6	Bleachers	79/6	80/6	+0/3
57/3	Bradford Dyers	60/0	61/0	+0/9
8/6	British Cellulose Ord.	7/9	8/3	+0/1½
35/6	Calico Printers	36/0	36/6	+0/6
64/0	Coats	63/6	64/0*	
6⅜	Courtaulds	7⅛	7⅜	−⅛
62/3	English Sewing Cotton	60/6	61/6	−0/9
51/6	Fine Spinners	52/6	53/6*	+0/6
3⅛	Grouts	3⅛	3⅜	
44/0	Harrods	45/6	46/6	+1/0
24/6	Hollins (Wm.)	1⅛	1¼	
—	Linen Thread Ord.	2⅛	2⅜	
32/0	Lister Ord.	31/0	32/0	−0/6
—	Selfridge 6 p.c. Pref.	23/6	24/6	

MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIALS.

30/0	African and East. Trade	28/6	29/6	
19/3	Amal. Dental Pref.-Ord.	18/6	19/6	
3⅛	Anglo-Arg. Tram. 1st Pf	3⅛	3⅜*	
17/4½	Associated Cement	17/0	17/6	
—	Do. Pref.	17/0	17/6	
35/6	Borax Con. Def.	1⅜	1⅝	
84	Brazilian Traction	83½	85½	+1½
35/6	British Portland Cement	35/3	35/9	
—	British Glass	0/9	1/0	
14/9	B.S.A.	14/0	15/0	
27/3	British Oil and Cake	26/6	27/6	
96	Brit. Col. Electric Rail.	101	104	
—	Do. 4½ p.c. Debs.	88	91*	
112/9	Brit.-Amer. Tobacco	113/6	114/0	
36/3	Brunner Mond	36/3	37/3	
52/0	Bryant and May	51/6	52/6	
—	Carreras	12⅝	13⅛	−⅛
27/6	Dunlop Rubber	26/0	26/6	
103	Do Deb.	103	109	
—	Do. Amer. Tire Deb.	104	106*	
—	English Electric	18/3	19/3	
—	Finlay (James)	76/0	77/0	
27/3	General Electric Ord.	27/0	29/0	+0/6
—	Do. Debs.	103	107	
—	Gramophone Ord.	2⅛	2⅜	+⅛
104/3	Imperial Tobacco Ord.	105/0	105/6	
19/3	Jute Indus. Pref.	17/9	18/9	
21/6	Lever 7 p.c. Pref.	20/0	20/6*	
—	Lever 7 p.c. Debs.	102	104	−1
—	Lever 5 p.c. Debs.	95	97	
15	Mexican Trams	14	19	
—	Do Bonds	61	64	
65½	Do. L. and P. Bonds	70	73	
27/0	Nobel Ord.	27/3	28/3	
21/3	Do. Pref.	21/0	22/0	
—	Do. Def.	12/0	13/0	
1⅛	Parent Trust Def.	1⅛	1⅛*	
1	Do Ord	1⅛	1⅛*	
31/6	Platt Bros. Ord.	30/0	31/0*	−0/6
—	Prov. Cine. 7½ p.c. Pf.Ord.	⅛	⅜*	
33/0	Rolls Royce	31/6	32/6	−0/6
30/0	Salt Union	30/6	31/6	+1/0
94½	San Paulo Tram Deb.	96	101*	
—	Shawinigan Water Debs.	103	108	
12⅛	Swedish Match "B"	12	12¼	+⅛
37/6	Schweppes Def.	37/0	38/0	
—	Taylor's Service	23/6	24/0	
—	Tilling Ord.	2⅜	2⅝	
—	Do. 5½ p.c. Cum. Pref.	4⅛	4½	
—	United Alkali	1⅛	1⅛	
27/0	Wallpaper Def.	26/6	27/6	

* Ex div. † Ex rights. ‡ Cum div. | Ex bonus.

IRISH BANKS RATE.

Discount	6 p.c.	Dec. 3, 1925.
Deposit	2½ p.c.	Dec. 3, 1925.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Contango	Jan. 4	Jan. 18
Mining ticket	Jan. 5	Jan. 19
General ticket	Jan. 6	Jan. 20
Account day	Jan. 7	Jan. 21

BELFAST.

The Exchange had a holiday aspect. War Loan 100⅛, Sawers 26s. 10½d., Dunlops 26s. 3d., Lever Bros. 8 p.c. Pref. 20s., White, Tomkins and Courage Ord. 23s. 4½d.

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

BIRMINGHAM.—Motors quiet and occasionally easier. Rolls Royce still weak. Standards drooping. Rovers very firm. Lucas further recovered. Dunlops again better. Austins, 6/7½; ditto Debentures, 98; Bluemels, 37/-; Components, 6/-; S.T.D., 4/6; Enfields, 31/6; Humbers, 41/6; Lucas, 80/3; Napiers, 37/6; Rolls, 31/6; Rovers, 10/3; Singers, 43/3; Standards, 40/-; Swifts, 9/-; Triumphs, 35/-; Vauxhall Preference, 14/3; Dunlops, 26/1½; Parent Deferred, 36/6.

MANCHESTER.—Textiles good Further advances in Dyers and Spinners. Bleachers, 79/6-80/-; Calicos, 36/-36/6; Bradford Dyers, 60/-61/-; Sewing Cottons, 61/-62/-; Fine Spinners, 53/-53/6; "Slubbers," 7/3-7/6; Coats, 62/6-63/-; Ship Canal, 8⅛-8⅛; Velvets, 24/3-24/6; Amalgamated Cottons, 7/-7/6; Dunlops, 26/-26/6; Courtaulds, 141/-142/6; Hoyles, 33/-33/6; Hollins, 24/-24/3.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

ASSOCIATED BELTING.—Interim dividend for half-year ending December 31 next on 10 per cent. Preference of 5 per cent. actual, less tax.

ANDHRA VALLEY POWER.—Dividend at 7 per cent. per annum, less tax, on Preference, for year ended June 30, 1924.

ASSOCIATED COTTON GINNERS, EGYPT.—Dividend of 1/6 per share.

BRITAIN STEAMSHIP.—Interim dividend of 2½ per cent. actual free of tax, on account of 1925; also final dividend of 2½ per cent. actual, making 7½ per cent., free of tax, for year ended December 31, 1924.

DICKELLA CEYLON RUBBER.—Second interim dividend of 15 per cent.

ESCOT RUBBER.—Dividend of 15 per cent., less tax.

GODFREY PHILLIPS.—Half-year's dividend on 6 per cent. B Preference.

GLASGOW ALHAMBRA.—Dividends of 15 per cent. on Preference, and 7½ per cent. on Ordinary, both less tax.

HONG KONG SELANGOR RUBBER.—Interim dividend of 15 per cent. actual, less tax, on account of the year ending 31st December, 1925.

JOHN CROSSLEY AND SONS.—Dividend of 2/- per share on Ordinary, making 7½ per cent. for year.

MARUDU RUBBER.—Two years' dividends on Preference will be posted on December 31, which will clear off arrears, and bring payment of dividends on Preference up to date.

PORT DICKSON RUBBER.—Interim dividend of 15 per cent. (actual) in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1926. No interim payment was made last year on the capital of £246,463, but 7½ per cent. was distributed at the close of the accounts, absorbing £18,485 of the profit of £19,095.

SENDAYAN (F.M.S.) RUBBER.—Dividend of 30 per cent.

UNITED SERVICE TRANSPORT.—Ordinary dividend at 8 per cent.

INSURANCE SHARES.

BUSINESS DONE IN LONDON:—Employers' Liability, 82/6, 3/-; Guardian, 8⅛-⅛; Phœnix Assurance, 12⅛, ⅛; Prudential "B," 39/3, 6d., 9/-; Royal Insurance, 30⅞, 1⅛, ⅛; Scottish Union, £10 10/9, 10⅛, ⅛; United British, 21/-, 6d., 9d.; World Auxiliary, 20/7½.

BUSINESS DONE IN LIVERPOOL:—Alliance Assurance, £15 2/3; Commercial Union Assurance, 23⅛; Employers' Liability Assurance, 83/-; Guardian Assurance, 8⅛. Liverpool and London 4 per cent. Thames and Mersey Debenture Stock (x.d.), 74½; London and Lancashire Insurance, 21⅛; North British and Mercantile, 23⅛; Northern Assurance, 14½; Phœnix Assurance, 12⅞; Royal Insurance, 31⅛, ⅛.

OIL OUTPUT.

Venezuelan Oil Concessions.—The following telegram from Maracaibo:—"Well R 38 came in December 18, producing 1,600 tons per day through 1 inch and 1¼ inch flow plugs, with 270 lbs. pressure. Well R 40 now producing 2,500 tons per day through two open 4-inch lines, with 285 lbs. pressure. Total production La Rosa Field now 6,500 tons per day."

TRAFFICS.

Great Western Railway—Week to December 20, £598,000; decrease, £12,000; fifty-one weeks, £29,981,000; decrease, £865,000. Southern Railway—Week to December 20, £443,000; decrease, £9,000; fifty-one weeks, £22,992,000; increase, £42,600.

LONDON MINING MARKET CHEERFUL.

PLATINUMS AGAIN IN FAVOUR.

Business in the Mining market section of the Stock Exchange made quite a good showing yesterday, the inquiry for specialities imparting an air of cheerfulness all round. Kaffirs generally, it is true, were not much in evidence, this being no doubt due to the growing uneasiness as to the native labour position on the Rand, which, however, it is hoped, may improve. The revival of interest in Platinum descriptions made further headway; T.C.L. strengthened and Transvaal Developments were a strong spot, while S.A. Townships, Hendersons, Hendies Platinums, and Northern Platinum were all in request at rising prices. In the Rhodesian department Chartered were still being steadily absorbed, and again finished higher, but Tanks and Zams were unsupported and slipped back the turn. The Northern issues were still being supported, and Rhodesian Congo Border rose to 5⅛, while Northern Rhodesia continued their forward movement, and Bwana Mkubwa and Loangwa were buyers for choice. Selukwe became dullish and lost the turn. Although Paris was doing very little, Diamonds had a hardening tendency, and both the De Beers issues finished higher on the day. The price of tin rose 15s. to £286 7s. 6d. per ton, but the share market could only be described as apathetic. Indeed, the Eastern descriptions, after trifling fluctuations, were hardly altered. Among Coppers, Rio Tinto weakened on a few realisations, but Canadians came into favour again, and under the lead of Huronian Belt several shares moved up. Closing prices:—

SOUTH AFRICAN.

M.U. Dec. 14.			
1⅝	Anglo-Amer. Corp.	1⅝-1⅞	+⅛
16/3	Anglo-French	16/0-16/6	
3⅜	Brakpan	3⅛-3⅜	
15½	Cent. Min'g (£8)	14⅝-14⅞	
8/0	Central W'st (5/)	8/0-8/6	
2⅛	City Deep	2⅛-2⅜	
1⅛	Con. Goldfields	1⅛-1⅛	
13/3	Cons. Main Reef	12/3-12/9	
17/0	Con. M. Sel. 10/	16/9-17/3	+0/3
3	Crown Mines (10/)	2⅞-2⅞	+⅛
17/0	Durban Deep	16/9-17/3	
10/3	E. Rand Prop	9/6-9/9	
3⅛	Geduld	3⅛-3⅜	
30/6	Gen. Mining	29/9-30/3	
11/3	G. M. Investment	9/9-10/3	
8⅛	Gover'ment Mines	8-8⅛	
4/0	Hendies Plat. (5/)	4/6-4/9	+1½
4/0	Hendersons (5/)	4/6-4/9	+1½
47/0	Johan'burg I'vst.	45/9-46/3	
5/0	Kleinfontein	4/0-4/6	
11/0	Knight's	10/3-10/9	
23/0	Langlaagte Est.	19/9-20/3	−0/6
⅛	Lydenburg Plat.	⅛-⅝	
3⅛	Meyer & Charlton	3⅛-3⅜	
4⅛	M'derfontein (10/)	4⅛-4⅜	
1⅜	Modder B (5/)	1⅛-1⅝	
2⅛	Modder Deep (5/)	2⅛-2⅜	
⅛	Modder East		
2⅞	New State Areas	2¾-2⅞	
5/0	Nigel	4/0-5/0	
6/0	Nourse Mines	5/6-6/0	−0/3
2⅛	Rand Mines (5/)	2⅛-2⅜	
14/3	Randfontein	13/9-14/3	
1⅛	Rob'son D A (1/)	1-1⅛	
1⅛	Robinson Dp. B	1⅛-1⅛	
10/3	Rose Deep	10/0-10/6	
17/6	S.A. Gold Trust		
20/3	S.A. Towns (10/)	21/3-21/9	+0/6
2¾	Springs Mines	2½-2¾	
16/3	Sub Nigel	17/0-17/6	
3⅞	Trans. and Del. B.	3⅝-3⅞*	
3⅛	Trans. Con. L. (10/)	3⅛-3⅜	+⅛
⅜	Trans. Devel	1⅛-1⅛	+⅛
2⅛	Union Corp (12/6)	2⅛-2⅜	
22/0	Van Ryn.	20/9-21/3	−0/3
2¼	Van Ryn Deep	2⅛-2⅜	
27/6	Vereeniging	27/0-27/6	
7/9	Village Deep	7/3-7/9	
14/0	West Rand Con.	14/3-14/9	
29/0	West Springs	28/9-29/3	
25/6	Wit'ersrand Deep	25/3-26/3	

RUSSIAN.

5/3	Russo-Asiat. Cns.	4/9-5/3
4/3	Russian Mining	3/9-4/3
⅛	Siberian Props	5/0-6/0
⅛	Spassky	⅛-⅛

RHODESIAN.

M.U. Dec. 14.			
7/6	Bechuanaland Ex.	7/6-8/0	
10/0	Beira Town Sites	10/0-11/0	
7/0	Bwana M'Kubwa	7/7½-7/10½	
2⅛	Cam and Motor	2⅛-2⅜	
26/7½	Chart'd B.S.A.	27/9-28/0	+0/3
1/3	Falcon	1/0-1/6	
18/9	Gaika Gold	18/3-19/3	
8/0	Globe & Phoenix (5/)	8/9-9/3	
8/7½	Gold F.Rho. (10/)	8/4½-8/7½	
⅛	Lonely Reef	⅛-⅝	
2⅛	Rezende	2⅛-2⅜	
3/9	R. Broken Hill (5/)	3/10½-4/1½	
12/0	Selukwe (2/6)	11/9-12/0	−1½
1⅛	Shamva Mines	1⅛-1⅛	
⅛	Sherwood Starr (5/)		
2⅛	Tanganyika	2⅛-2⅜	−⅛
52/0	Vic. Falls Ord	2⅛-2⅜	
33/6	do. Pref.	33/0-34/0	
1⅛	Wankie Col. (10/)	1⅛-1⅛*	
7/6	Willoughby	7/4½-7/7½	
2	Zambesia Expl	2⅛-2⅜	−⅛

DIAMOND.

⅞	Angola Diamond	⅞-1⅛	
22/9	Con. D. S.W. A.	22/3-22/9	
14⅛	De Beers Def.	14⅛-14⅜	+⅛
13⅛	do. Pref.	13⅛-13⅜	+⅛
3⅛	Jagersfontein	3⅛-3⅜	
8/0	N. Val. River		
7⅛	Premier Pf. (5/-)	7⅛-7⅜	
⅛	West African	9/6-10/6	

AUSTRALIAN.

1⅛	Amal. Zinc	1⅛-1⅛	
1/1½	Associated (4/)	1/0-1/6	
26/3	Broken Hill Prop.	25/3-26/3	
3⅜	B. Hill Sth. New	3⅛-3⅜	
1⅛	Electro Zinc Pref.	1⅛-1⅛	
6⅛	North Broken Hill	6⅛-6⅜	
	Sulphide Ord.	18/6-19/6	+0/6
12/6	South Kalgurli	12/3-13/3	
47/0	Zinc Ord. (10/-)	48/6-49/6	
4⅛	do. Pref.	4⅛-4⅜	

WEST AFRICAN.

13/3	Ashanti Gold (4/	13/3-13/9
12/0	Fanti Cons. (8/)	11/6-12/0
17/4½	Gold Coast Amal.	17/0-17/6
3/0	Taquah & Abosso	2/6-3/0

TIN.

M.U. Dec 14.			
15/0	Anglo-Con. (10/-)	15/0-15/6	
3⅛	Aramayo Mines	3⅝-4⅛	
12/3	Bauchi Ord. (10/)	12/9-13/3	
19/3	do. Pref (10/)	20/0-21/0	+0/3
10/0	Bisichi	11/1½-11/4½	+/1½
2⅛	Gopeng	2⅛-2⅜	+⅛
50/0	Ipoh	49/6-50/6	+0/6
17/0	Kaduna Synd (5/)	17/0-18/0	
3⅛	Kamunting	3⅛-3⅜	
2⅜	Kramat Pulai	2⅛-2⅜	
5⅜	Malayan T.D.	5⅛-5⅜	
16/0	Mongu	15/9-16/3	
1⅛	Naraguta	1⅛-1⅛	−⅛
14/6	Pahang (5/-)	13/9-14/3	
1⅛	Rambutan	1⅛-1⅛	
6/9	Rayfield (10/-)	7/0-7/6	
20/0	do., 10 p.c. P. Pf.	20/0-22/0	
2⅞	Renong	2⅞-2⅞	
14/9	Ropp (4/ Shs)	14/9-15/3	
1⅛	Siamese	1⅛-1⅛	
4/0	South Bukeru (5/)	4/1½-4/4½	
43/0	Tavoy	43/0-44/0	
2⅞	Tronoh	2⅞-3	

COPPER.

12/9	Arizona (5/-)	⅛-1⅛*	
⅞	Mount Elliott (£5)	⅞-⅞	
24/6	Mount Lyell	24/3-25/6	
6/6	Mount Morgan	6/3-7/3	
⅛	Namaqua	1⅛-1⅛	
40⅛	Rio Tinto (£5)	41-41⅛	−⅛
5/3	S. American (2/)	4/9-5/3	

MISCELLANEOUS.

7/3	Brit. Platinum	6/9-7/0	
18/3	Burma Corp	18/6-18/9	−/1½
8/6	Champion Reef	8/9-9/3	
1⅜	Chosen Synd "A"	1⅛-1⅛	
20/0	Colombian Props	19/6-20/6	
1/9	Corderoy Synd	1/6-2/0	
2⅛	Huronian Belt	2⅛-2¼	+⅛
6/7½	Keeley Silver	6/6-6/9	+/1½
9/0	Kirkland Lake	8/3-8/9	
1⅛	Mexico Mines	1⅛-1⅛*	
3⅛	Minerals Separ't'n	2⅞-3⅛	
13/0	Min. Crp. of Can.	12/9-13/3	
14/0	Mysore (10/-)	13/6-14/6	
8/1½	Nat. Min. (8/-)	7/10½-8/1½	
7/6	Nundydroog	7/3-7/9	
⅛	Ooregum	13/3-14/3	
3/9	Oroville	3/6-4/0	
10/3	St. John Del Rey.	9/6-10/6	
28/9	San Francisco (10/)	28/6-29/0	
20/6	Santa Gertrudis	20/0-20/6	+0/6
—	S. Amer. G. Areas	⅛-⅛	
6/1½	Vipond	6/0-6/3	
1⅛	Waihi Gold	22/6-23/6	

* Ex Dividend † Ex Rights

THE MONEY MARKET.

LOANS IN AMPLE SUPPLY.

A small sum was borrowed from the Bank of England yesterday over the end of the year, this being, no doubt, a mere precautionary measure in view of the anticipated rush for money next week. A few more short bills were also discounted at the central institution. Day-to-day money remained in ample supply at 3 p.c. to 3½ p.c., fixtures for a day or a week going on at 4 p.c. There was a good demand for loans into the new year at 5 p.c. The discount market was firm, with 4⅞ p.c. the minimum rate for bills of all dates. The new Treasuries were offered at a shade under that figure.

Bank Rate Discount (changed Dec. 2, 1925)	5 %			
60 days (fine)	4⅝%	Trade	5	5½%
3 months	4⅞%	"	5¼	5½%
4 months	4⅞%	"	5½	6 %
6 months	4⅞%			
Loans to brokers day-to-day	4	3½%		
for a week	4 %			
Deposit allowance: Banks at call	3 %			
Discount houses at call	3 %			
at notice	3¼%			

In the market for bar silver the China banks bought and sold. The spot price eased ⅛d. to 31⅛d., while forward was unaltered at 31⅛d. per ounce. The price of gold was unaltered at 84s. 11d. per fine ounce. No bullion operations on foreign account were announced at the Bank of England. The net efflux for the week amounts to £173,000.

French francs made good much of the previous day's loss, the rate receding to little over 131. Belgian and Swiss francs were also better, and pesetas appreciated; but Dutch florins were a trifle cheaper, and Scandinavia and Greece were inclined to move in our favour. At 4.85 the sterling-dollar rate was a trifle better. In the South American group Uruguayan dollars improved well; Brazilian milreis were steady, and Peruvians recovered rather sharply. Among Eastern exchanges the Japanese yen was easier at 1s. 9⅛d.

—	Dec. 23 Highest and Lowest.		Dec. 22 Closing Rates.		Par Rate
Amsterdam	12.06½	12.07	12.06½	12.07½	12.10
B. Ayres	46⅛	46⅛	46⅛	46⅛	47.58
Barcelona	34.31	34.33	34.34	34.36	25.22
Berlin	20.36	20.37	20.36	20.37	20.43
Brussels	106.95	107.00	106.95	107.05	25.22½
Calcutta	1/6⅛				2/0
Copenhagen	19.50	19.54	19.52	19.54	18.15
Finland	192½	192½	192½	192½	25.22½
Geneva	25.11	25.12	25.12	25.13	25.22½
Greece	375	377	374	378	25.22½
Italy	120.00	120.20	120½	120⅞	25.22½
Kobe (p.yn.)	1/9⅛		1/9⅛		24.58d.
Madrid	34.28	34.36	34.33	34.35	25.22½
Montreal	4.85¼	4.85⅛	4.85⅛	4.85⅛	4.86
Montevideo	50⅛d.	50⅛d.	49⅞d.	50⅛d.	51d.
New York	4.84⅞	4.85	4.84⅞	4.85	4.86
Oslo	23.83	23.87	23.86	23.90	18.15
Paris	129⅞	133⅛	133⅛	133½	25.22
Prague	163⅛	163⅞	163⅛	163⅞	24.02
RiodeJan.	7	7⅛	7	7¼	16d.
Shanghai	3/1½		3/1¼		
Singapore	2/4⅛		2/4⅛		
Stockholm	18.05½	18.07½	18.05½	18.06½	18.15
Vienna	34.36	34.38	34.36	34.40	34.58½
Warsaw	50 buyers		45	50 nom.	25.22½

DEALINGS IN LONDON MARKET.

The following dealings among active stocks and shares were "marked" in London yesterday:—**Consols**—54⅞, ⅛, ⅛, 5, 4⅞. **5 p.c. War Loan**—100½, ⅛, ⅛, *⅛. **Funding Loan**—85⅞, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, *⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Conversion Loan 3½ p.c.**—75⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Australia 5 p.c. Stock**—100⅛, ⅛, 100, ⅛, ⅛, 99⅞, 100, ⅛. **Aerated Bread** (x.d.) 26/3, 5/9. **African and Eastern**—29/3. **Allied Newspapers Ord.**—34/3, 4½d., 6d., 9d., 5/3, 5/-, 1½d., 4/9, 4/10½, 7½d., 5/1½. **Amalgamated Press** (x.d.)—41/9, 2/-. **Anglo-Dutch Rubber**—62/6, 4½d., 1½d., 5d., 5½d., 5d. **Assoc. Cement**—17/4½, 3d., 17/-, 1½d. **Associated Newspapers Def.**—6⅛, £6 10/6. **Bovril Def.**—46/7½. **Brazilian Traction**—82½, ⅛. **Brit. Amer. Tobacco**—113/10½, *14/-, 14/-, 13/9. **British Oil and Cake**—27/7½, 3d. **Bryant and May**—51/6. **Buenos Ayres Great Southern**—89½, 90, 89½, *⅛, ⅛, 90. **Calico Printers**—36/9, *5/3,6/9. **Canadian Pacific**—150⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 1, ⅛, *⅛, *⅛, 2⅛, *⅛, 1. **Central Argentine Cons.**—73⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Coats**—63/3, 2/6, 3/-, 1½d. **Cook (St. Paul's) Ord.**—20/10½, 1/-, 20/6. **Courtaulds**—7⅛, ⅛, £7 1/6, 7 7-64, *⅛, ⅛, 5-64, ⅛, ⅛. **Courtaulds Pref.**—(x.d.)—18/10½, *3d., 19/2½, 3d. **Crosse and Blackwell**—3/4½, 6d. **Crosses and Winkworth Pref.**—6/7½. **Cunard Ord.**—17/-, 3d., 16/10½, 17/3. **Cunard Debentures**—101½, 1, 104, ⅛, *98½, 101. **"Daily Mail" Ord. (2/-)**—50/11½, 6d. **"Daily Mirror" Ord.**—6⅛. **Dunlop Ord.**—26/- 3d., 5½d., 4½d., 6d., 1½d., *6/-, *5/10½, 6/3½, 4½d., 1½d. **Dunlop "C" Pref.**—22/10½, 11½d. **Elder-Dempster 6 p.c. Pref.** (x.d.)—17/10½. **English Sewing Cotton**—61/-, 3d., 2/-. **Fine Cotton Spinners**—52/6, 9d., 3/-, 4½d., *2/6. **General Electric Ord.**—28/-, 3d., 7/7½. **General Electric Debs.**—105½. **German 3 p.c.**—6/9. **German 7 p.c. External Loan**—102⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Grand Trunk Pac. 4 p.c. Debs.**—47½, 8. **Great Western Rail**—86½, ⅛, 5⅛, *5⅛, 5⅛, ⅛. **Great Western 5 p.c. Pref.**—94½, 4, 3½, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, 4½. **Greek 7 p.c. Refugee**—89⅞, ⅛, 90⅛, 90, 89⅞, 90. **Grout Ord.**—69/3. **Guinness Ord.**—741. **Harland and Wolff Pref.** (x.d.)—13/7½, 9d., 10½d. **Harrods Ord.**—46/6, *4/9, 6/4½, 3d., 6/-, 5/6. **Hudson's Bay Ord.** (x.d.)—98/9. **Hungarian 7½ p.c., 1924**—100⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Imperial Tobacco**—104/10½, 5/3, 4½d., 1½d., 4½d.; **do. Canada** (x.d.)—*24/9, 5/0½. **Lever 7 p.c. Pref.** (x.d.)—20/3, 4½d., 6d., 1½d., 6d.; **do. 8 p.c. Pref.** (x.d.)—19/10½, 20/-, *19/9, 9¾d., *20/-, 20/1½; **do. 7 p.c. Debs.**—103½, 3½, ⅛. **Lipton Ord.**—13/1½, 6d. **Lister Ord.**—31/10½, 2/3, 2/-, 3d. **London, Midland and Scottish Ord.**—74½, ⅛, 3½, *4, *3½, 4, 4½. **London and N.E. Pref.-Ord.**—56, 5⅞, *5⅞; **do. Def.-Ord.**—20⅛, *⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Lyons (J.) and Co. Ord.**—75/7½, 7/6, 6/3. **Marconi Ord.**—22/6, 9d., *1/9, 2/-, *1/9; **do. Canada**—4/10½, *4/, 9d. **Maypole Def.**—6/6½, 5½d. **Nobel Indus.**—28/-, 7/9, 10½d.; **do. Defd.**—13/. **Peruvian Corp. Pref.**—37⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Southern Rail Pref.-Ord.**—74⅞, ⅛, ⅛, 5, 4⅞, ⅛, ⅛; **do. Def.-Ord.**—43⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛. **Sudan Plantations**—7⅛, ⅛, ⅛, *⅛. **Sunday Pictorial Ord.**—71/10½, 2/6. **Swedish Match "B"**—12⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, ⅛, £12 2/9. **Underground Income Bonds**—97½, 7, ⅛. **Union Cold Storage 6 p.c. Pref.**—19/6, 4½d. **United Dairies**—36/-, 7/. **United of Havana Rail**—100, ⅛, 99⅞. **United Premier Oil and Cake Ord.**—11/-, 1½d., 3d. **Phillips (Godfrey) Ord.**—83/1½, 9d., 2/-, 1/6½, 3/4½, 3/-, 1/10½, 3/1½. **Prov. Cinema Theatres** (x.d.)—13/10½, 14/4½, 6d., 1½d., 13/10½. **Rubber Trust**—50/6, 1½d., 50/-, 5½d., 6d., 49/3, 50/4½, 49/11½, 9d., 50/7½, 49/7½. **Vickers**—8/-, 1½d., 7/10½, 8/1½. **Watney Combe Def.**—277, 8. **Westminster Bank**—18⅛, ⅛, ⅛.
(*Exceptional bargain at special price.)

REWARD FOR HONESTY.

TORONTO, Tuesday.

Albert Wadley, a tramcar conductor, who last August picked up a package containing fifteen thousand dollars worth of diamonds in his car, has been rwarded by the owner with a cheque and a diamond tie pin.—(Reuter.)

ANCIENT LONGFORD GRAVEYARD.

OVERCROWDING COMPLAINTS.

A report on the inquiry which was held by Dr. A. D. Clinch, medical inspector, at Ballinalee, relative to the representation that the Clonbroney Burial Ground was overcrowded and should be closed against further interments, was received from the Local Government Department at the last meeting of Longford County board of Health. This graveyard, as it was pointed out in the report, is of great antiquity, and is reported to have been consecrated by St. Patrick. In extent it covers three-quarters of an acre.

At the inquiry, it appeared, Dr. J. F. Keenan, medical officer of health, confirmed a report which he had previously made to the Granard Rural District Council, to the effect that, owing to the long period during which the burial ground had been used for interments, it should be closed, with a view to preventing disrespect to the dead. The Clerk of Granard Rural District Council (Mr. P. O'Shea) said that his Council's view at the time was that it would not be advisable to close the burial ground against the few interments that now take place there. Twenty-five applicants for burial rights attended the inquiry in support of their respective claims, and Mr. T. W. Delany, solicitor, appeared on behalf of persons who opposed the proposal to close the burial ground.

The report added that the evidence of the disturbance of human remains in the process of opening graves was confined to a single instance, and, having regard to the considerable intervals which elapsed between burials, and to the apparently decreasing frequency of interments, the Minister was not satisfied that the necessity for compulsory restrictions was established.

A recommendation that the caretaker should be instructed to keep the place in proper order and prevent trespass of cattle, was adopted on the motion of Senator McGuinness, and the report was generally approved.

PRIEST'S COMPLAINT.

The Local Government Department also forwarded, for the views of the Board of Health, a copy of a representation received from the Rev. P. Markey, P.P., Clonbroney, Co. Longford, relative to the Clonbroney Graveyard in Drumeel townland, and requested that the medical officer should be instructed to inspect the graveyard and report whether, in his opinion, for the protection of public health or for the maintenance of public decency, or with a view to preventing a violation of the respect due to deceased persons, burials therein should be placed under restriction.

Father Markey, in his communication, stated that in the course of the discharge of his duties at burials in this graveyard, which is situated in close proximity to the parochial residence and around Clonbroney Church, he invariably saw the remains of bodies interfered with in order to make room for fresh interments, and remains for some years buried, taken up—coffin and all—and laid on the surface for half the day, within a few yards of his residence, until the new remains were interred in the afternoon.

The report was referred to the medical officer of health for the district.

VALUE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

CHANGES IN THE NORTH.

In the course of a speech at the annual distribution of prizes at Omagh Technical School on Tuesday night, Professor Earls, of the Belfast College of Technology, spoke of the great benefit technical education was to a town like Omagh, and said that the students who had secured the advanced certificates of the Royal Society of Art were deserving of the utmost praise. It was a distinction to be proud of, that a pupil of that school should secure the medal of the Royal Society of Arts, because only one similar medal had been obtained in the Belfast College. Technical education was not, as some people thought, elementary education, but was classed as higher education.

One of the fundamental changes which had been made in their educational system by the Education Act was that it brought all forms of education under one Minister. He hoped that the new bodies which were now charged with the duty of providing public education would rise to a sense of their responsibilities, and that people would insist upon seeing that the facilities they were entitled to get under the Education Act would be provided. He considered that technical education was absolutely essential, as providing that further education for the elementary schools, which was so valuable.

WOMAN BITTEN BY MAD DOG.

1,300 MILES IN AN AEROPLANE.

PARIS, Wednesday

How the wife of the Administrator of Dosso, 450 miles north of Lagos, was saved by the timely help of two French aeroplanes is told in the *Journal*.

The lady was bitten by a dog showing signs of hydrophobia. A telephone call to Niamey, 180 kilometres away, brought a doctor and a veterinary surgeon to Dosso. The latter examined the body of the dog, which had died, and certified that it had, in fact, been suffering from rabies.

The nearest institute for the treatment of rabies was at Dakar, 1,300 miles away. A telegram to the Governor of Dakar resulted in the despatch of two aeroplanes from Bamako, and two days later the patient was at Dakar, where she was successfully treated.—(Reuter.)

CHRISTMAS APPEALS

DESERVING DUBLIN CHARITIES.

The various Dublin hospitals, institutions and charitable organisations earnestly appeal for funds to enable them to maintain their good work this Christmas. It is to be hoped that all charitably disposed persons will respond generously to the call for financial assistance.

Useful work is being done at St. Anne's, Northbrook road, Dublin, where the City Hospital for Diseases of the Skin and Cancer is carried on under the care of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. This hospital was founded in 1899, and there is a dispensary, under its auspices, at 3 and 4 Holles street, Dublin.

The Rev. Joseph Connellan, Newport Rectory, Co. Mayo, appeals on behalf of the Aasleagh Orphanage, Leenane, Co. Galway, which is entirely maintained by voluntary subscriptions.

St. Anthony's Penny Dinners' Fund for the poor and free dinners for little children is in need of money to enable the Sisters of Charity at Seville place, Dublin, to provide Christmas dinners for those whose wants they cater for.

The Sisters of Charity in charge of the Hospice for the Dying, Harold's Cross, Dublin, appeal for funds to help in keeping open the doors of that deserving institution.

Christmas alms are also solicited by the Sisters in charge of the House of Mercy, Lower Baggot street, Dublin.

NATIONAL MATERNITY HOSPITAL.

For the National Maternity Hospital, Holles street, Dublin, £10,000 is needed to start the enlargement of the hospital. This National Hospital, founded in 1894 to alleviate the sufferings of the poor women of all Ireland and to teach them the proper care of infants, is not now large enough to meet the demands upon it.

Meath street Dining Rooms and Penny Dinners afford a most effective way of giving immediate help to the hungry poor. Tickets for distribution among the poor can be obtained from 28 Meath street.

The Mendicity Institution, Usher's Island, Dublin, in addition to its usual activities, provides a special dinner for the destitute poor on Christmas Day. Towards the expense entailed they ask the contributions of the charitable.

For the patients of the National Children's Hospital, Harcourt street, Dublin, the Matron asks for gifts of toys and other things in order to make the young folk happy.

In order to reduce the debt of £5,000 on the Linden Convalescent Home, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, the Sisters of Charity make an earnest appeal to the public.

The Strangers' Friend Society, founded 1790, is one of the oldest charities in Dublin. From its offices at 29 Anne street funds are distributed among the deserving poor and distressed strangers, without religious distinction. To carry on this work funds are needed.

FREE NIGHT SHELTER.

Admissions to the St. Vincent de Paul Free Night Shelter in Back lane, Dublin, since January last numbered 35,022, while 70,044 meals were given. This work is carried on by voluntary subscriptions.

For Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital for Consumptives at Rochestown avenue, Kingstown, the Sisters of Mercy seek a share of the alms distributed at this season.

The Sisters of Charity, Stanhope street, Dublin, remind their friends and benefactors of the needy children and other charitable works under the Sisters' care.

St. Vincent's Hospital and Dispensary, under the care of the Sisters of Charity, has rendered great service to the public for many years. The demands on its resources are persistent, expenses are high, and financial assistance is, therefore, badly needed.

THE ROOMKEEPERS' SOCIETY.

That poverty prevails to an enormous extent in the city is evidenced by the demands made on the Sick and Indigent Roomkeepers' Society, 2 Palace street, Dublin. This Society claims to be "Dublin's oldest charity," and calls upon the public for donations. During the past three weeks this Society assisted over a thousand poor families and expended £728 13s.

In the Kitchen of the Irish Guild of the Little Flower, during the week ended 12th December last, penny meals were given to 4,237 children and adults. To maintain this good work, subscriptions are solicited by the Rev. Father Ryan, 90 Meath street.

St. Nicholas and St. Luke's, Dublin, Christmas Poor and Winter Coal Fund does much good in a poor district. Funds are urgently requested.

The Sisters of Charity, Gardiner street, Dublin, seek assistance to alleviate the distress of the poor, whose homes they visit.

DISTRESSED PROTESTANTS.

The work of the Distressed Protestants' Association, 45 Molesworth street, Dublin, makes a direct appeal to the charitably disposed. In addition to a relief fund, provision is made for a loan fund, coal fund, and homes for annuitants.

An appeal is also made on behalf of St. Michael's Hospital, Kingstown, by the Sisters of Charity.

The smallest donation will be thankfully received by the Sisters of Mercy in charge of the Mater Misericordiæ Hospital, Dublin.

Friends of Armenia are seeking subscriptions for the relief of Armenian refugees, following the shelling of Damascus. The Rev. F. Bland, 21 Molesworth street, will receive donations.

For Our Lady's Home, Henrietta street, Dublin, the Sisters of Charity appeal for continued support.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE.

The Dublin Seamen's Institute, Eden quay, Dublin, urge the public to send presents for the Christmas entertainment of sailors who are absent from home at this time of year.

In distributing their Christmas alms, the public are asked not to forget the poor penitents in the Magdalen Asylum, Donnybrook.

The Sailors' Rest, 63 North Wall, has for years provided seasonable fare and entertainment for the sailors who are away from home. For this purpose gifts or subscriptions are solicited.

IRISH PROPERTY MARKET, 1925.

INQUIRIES FROM AMERICA.

As regards the year now drawing to a close, there was a normal and continuous demand for house property of all descriptions, and, in some cases, good prices were realised, but unfortunately the same cannot be said as yet of the landed estates, as our return to stability must of necessity be a slow progress. However, now that the complex boundary question has been settled there will undoubtedly be a renewed feeling of confidence in the country generally, which should give an impetus to trade and commerce, with its consequent reflection in the property market.

Enquiries from America for sporting estates, hunting lodges and shooting boxes have been fairly numerous lately, and amongst the sales effected may be mentioned that of Monasterevan to Mr. John McCormack, the well-known tenor singer; Bective, Navan, prettily situated on the Boyne and in the centre of a fine hunting country to Mr. Bird, of Boston, United States.

The outlook for the future is far more promising than it has been for a considerable time.

DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORT.

Wind and Weather—Southerly winds, moderate breeze with rain, overcast and dull.

Foreign Arrival.—Ss. Grania, of Dublin, 396 tons register (Captain Hagan), from Boulogne and Havre, via Cork and Belfast, with general cargo; discharging at North Wall.

Coastwise Arrivals.—Ss. Lady Louth, from Liverpool, with passengers and goods; ss. Brier, from Heysham, with passengers and goods; ss. Slieve Donard, ss. Slieve Gallion, from Holyhead, with goods; ss. Lady Kildare, from Liverpool, with goods; ss. Monksville, from Aberdeen, with paper; ss. Gertie, from Whitehaven, with coals; ss. Dinorwic, ss. Miriam Thomas, from Garston, with coals; ss. Braemore, from Garston, with coals; ss. Daisy, from Birkenhead, with coals; ss. Enid, from Glasgow, with coals; ss. Cameo, from Irvine, with coals; ss. Gleneullen, from Partington, with coals.

Foreign Departures.—Ss. Fair Head, of Belfast, 628 tons register (Captain Cole), for Ghent, via Belfast, with general cargo; ss. Percy, of Riga, 436 tons register (Captain Viris), for Swansea, light.

Coastwise Departures.—Ss. Lady Louth, for Liverpool, with passengers and goods; ss. Brier, for Heysham, with passengers and goods; ss. Slieve Donard, ss. Slieve Gallion, for Holyhead, with goods; ss. Lady Brussels, for Liverpool, with goods; ss. Lady Wicklow, for Manchester, with goods; ss. Glen Helen, for Garston, with coals; ss. Mary Summerfield, ss. Dunleary, for Garston, light; ss. Alyn, for Trevor, light; ss. Ophir, for Piel, light; ss. Cardigan Coast, for Ayr, light; ss. Silverfield, for Ormeshead, light; ss. Dunvegan, for Birkenhead, light; ss. St. Fintan, for Landulas, light; ss. St. Mungo, for Whitehaven, light; m.s. J. T. and S., for Arklow, with cement, etc.; ss. Dinorwic, for Drogheda, with coals.

SHAEN HOUSE,

MARYBOROUGH, LEIX.
SALE OF
FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

SUBSCRIBERS are instructed by R. G. H. Russell, Esq., TO SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the COURTHOUSE, MARYBOROUGH, on MONDAY, the 4th of JANUARY, 1926, at 12 o'clock, the following property, known as Shaen House and Demesne, held in fee-simple, entirely free of rent, and situate three miles from Maryborough (one hour's rail to Dublin) and close to the Great Heath. This property would make an ideal racing establishment, or other similar purpose. The House stands in its own pleasure grounds, and is quite modern. It contains large dining, morning, drawing and sitting rooms; entrance hall, lavatory and w.c., on ground floor; 5 family bedrooms, 2 dressing rooms, 2 w.c.'s, bathroom, presses, etc. The servants' accommodation includes pantry, servants' hall, kitchen with 2 ranges, back kitchen, sittingroom, h. and c. water, 3 bedrooms and w.c. There is a central heating apparatus, and the House is wired for electric light. Good water supply and drainage. A splendid iron-framed conservatory opens off drawingroom.

The Out-Buildings, which are in 3 lock-up yards, include dairy, laundry (with hot pipes), gardener's house, grooms' rooms, loose boxes, commodious stabling, steward's room, harness room, garage, coach-house, coal-house, cattle-houses, kennels, farm-horse stables, hay and cart sheds, etc. The fine walled-in garden is well stocked and kept, with a splendid hot-house. Fine entrance gates and lodge, two-storey steward's house, ornamental lake, tennis court, etc. The Buildings are of a most substantial character, and are in first-rate condition. The pleasure grounds are of great beauty, and in good order.

The Lands contain 263a. 2r. 20p., Statute measure, and comprise some good grazing, which is now all in hands, and immediate possession can be given. The grazing has been let for the past few years.

Should the above not be Sold in One Lot, it will be divided into the following divisions, all rent free:—

Lot 1.—House division, containing 93a. 3r. 0p., Statute measure, including the House, pleasure grounds and woodlands; 42 acres and 2 roods of this Land being prime grazing.

Lot 2—Oldtown, containing 43a. 0r. 2p., all prime grass land, together with the 4-roomed slated lodge, known as "Tower Lodge."

Lot 3—Horse Park and Bull Park, containing 108a. 2r., Statute measure, of which 67 acres and 2 roods are good grazing, together with the 5-roomed slated house known as "Decoy Lodge."

Lot 4—Rath Field division, containing 18a. 1r. 20p., Statute measure, all prime grass and tillage land, together with the iron cattle feeding house thereon.

All the divisions are well fenced, sheltered and watered, and immediate possession can be given. Private offers will be accepted up to one week before Sale. For further particulars and Conditions of Sale apply to

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MARYBOROUGH.

RAHEENDUFF, STRADBALLY, LEIX.

SALE OF RESIDENTIAL FATTENING GRASS FARM.

SUBSCRIBERS are instructed by Mrs. Ross to offer for SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on MONDAY, 11th JANUARY, 1926, on the Lands, at 2 o'clock, her Interest in her Valuable Grass Farm, with small tillage area, situate half a mile from Stradbally Town, three miles from Vicarstown Canal, and four miles from Maryborough, rail one hour to Dublin. This is one of the best farms in Queen's County; it is noted for its fattening qualities, soundness from disease, and quality of grain. It is bounded on two sides by county roads; is divided into convenient well-fenced and watered divisions; is in perfect heart, having been exceptionally well farmed by the late Mr. Trevor Ross, owing to whose death it is being sold.

The Lands contain 174 acres 2 roods 14 perches, Statute measure; held under the provision of the 1923 Land Acts at the rent of £90, further reducible. P.L.V., £159 15/-.

There is a Board of Works hayshed on the lands, which are all under grass of prime fattening quality, with the exception of four acres of land for corn, at present let at £8 per acre, five acres for corn, five acres for green crops, and eight acres for new grasses. There is an abundant supply of ornamental timber on the lands.

The Residence is well built and in perfect order, and is approached from the three-roomed gate lodge by a nicely-timbered avenue. It contains 2 halls, 2 reception rooms, breakfast room, kitchen, 2 pantries and man's room, 4 family bedrooms, dressing room, maid's room and sewing room.

Immediate possession can be had on completion, and purchaser can have the option of taking at a valuation the hay, straw, turnips, mangels and potatoes. The Out-offices are all in perfect order, and comprise 2 fowl houses, 4-horse stable, loose box, 2 large granaries, large barn; garage, good pump in yard, piggeries, stock yard with houses attached to hold 40 cattle; cattle-feeding houses, coal houses, etc.

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MARYBOROUGH.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE—IN BANKRUPTCY.
In the Matter of
EDWARD McDONNELL, of Shop street, Drogheda, in the County of Louth, a Bankrupt.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION,

AT THE MART, LAURENCE STREET, DROGHEDA,
On TUESDAY, 5th day of JANUARY, 1926,
At the hour of One o'clock,

ALL THE ESTATE AND INTEREST of the Bankrupt and his Assignees in and to "All that and those the Dwellinghouse, Shop and Premises situate on the West side of Shop street, in the Parish of Saint Peter, Town of Drogheda, and County of Louth, containing in front to Shop street aforesaid 24 feet, in depth from front to rear on the South side thereof 105 feet, on the North side thereof 105 feet, in the rear 25 feet 4 inches; bounded on the North by the premises of the 'Drogheda Independent' (Newspaper) Company, Limited; on the South by premises belonging to Mrs. Ellen Mary Smith; on the East by Shop street aforesaid, and on the West by the premises delineated and described on a map or terchart thereof thereon endorsed," together with the Licence attached thereto.

The biddings taken by the Auctioneer will be submitted to the Court, at the Law Courts, The Castle, Dublin, on Friday, the 15th day of January, 1926, when, if approved of, the Purchaser will be declared.

A Statement of Title and Conditions of Sale are lodged in the Office of the Court, and may be seen also in the Office of the undernamed Solicitor having Carriage of the Sale.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1925.

W. H. BOYD, Chief Registrar.

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No Auctioneer's Fees will be charged to Purchasers.

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For further information apply to

ALFRED G. HOLLINSHEAD, Official Assignee, the Law Courts, The Castle, Dublin;
ARTHUR COX and CO., Solicitors for the Assignees, having Carriage of the Sale, 5 Stephen's Green, Dublin, where may be seen Statement of Title and Conditions of Sale;
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TUESDAY NEXT, 29th DECEMBER, 1925,
At 12 o'clock.

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Steamer.	Tons.	London	M'slles.	Taking Pass'rs for
*Maloja	21,000	—	Dec. 25	Colombo&A'tralia
Kaisar-i-Hind	11,430	Dec. 24	Jan. 1	Bombay&Karachi
‡§Cathay	15,000	Jan. 1	—	Colombo&A'tralia
¶*Mantua	11,000	Jan. 1	Jan. 8	Strts,China,Japan
Ranpura	16,600	Jan. 8	Jan. 15	Bombay&Karachi
†Nagoya	7,000	Jan. 9	—	Colombo & C'cutta
¶Khiva	9,000	Jan. 15	—	Strts,China,Japan
*Naldera	16,000	Jan. 15	Jan. 22	Colombo&A'tralia
Rajputana	16,600	Jan. 22	Jan. 29	Bombay&Karachi
†Novara	7,000	Jan. 28	—	Colombo & C'cutta
‡§Comorin	15,000	Jan. 29	—	Colombo&A'tralia
¶*Morea	11,000	Jan. 29	Feb. 5	Strts,China,Japan
Rawalpindi	16,600	Feb. 5	Feb. 12	Bombay& Karachi
Kalyan	9,000	Feb. 5	—	Strts,China,Japan
¶Devana	8,000	Feb. 12	—	Strts,China,Japan

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Sirdhana	7,752	Jan. 2	Jan. 15	Bombay&Karachi
§Mandala	8,246	Jan. 9	Jan. 16	Madras& Calcutta
Merkara	8,258	Jan. 9	Jan. 22	EastAfrican Ports
‡Mantola	8,963	Jan. 20	Jan. 30	Madras& Calcutta
Domala	8,441	Jan. 23	Jan. 29	Bombay&Karachi
§Madura	8,975	Jan. 30	Feb. 13	Madras&Calcutta
Manela	8,303	Feb. 6	Feb. 19	EastAfricanPorts
Margha	8,258	Feb. 10	Feb. 19	Bombay& Karachi
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Samaria ...Sat., Jan. 16 — Alaunia....Sun., Feb. 21

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Scythia ...Sun., Jan. 10 — Carmania Sun., Feb. 28
Carmania Sun., Jan. 3 — Caronia ...Sun., Mar. 14

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FOX Terrier Puppy, white, wire haired, marked round left eye, male, close cropped, blue leather collar, Strayed Saturday, 19th; reward. Apply Edmond Lupton, 8 Herbert street. 20 D

LOST, between Lansdowne Station and Northumberland road, Gold Watch. Reward—Ivanhoe, Lansdowne road. 22 D

LOST from 31 Merrion square, Saturday, 19th, small Sable Pekingese Dog. Liberal reward at above address. 22 A

LOST in city, pair of gold rimmed Pince-Nez. Reward 43 Ashfield road, Ranelagh.

LEFT in tram, Wednesday, Terenure to city, sort leather brown Bag, containing keys, library book, handkerchief. Finder please return Leverett and Frye, Rathgar. 23 F

LOST on Monday, young Male Irish Terrier; reward.—St. Stephen's Schools, Northumberland road.

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To-Day (Thursday).

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City of Venice	8,308	Feb. 6	Colombo & Calcutta
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The person appointed must be prepared to make the declaration, as prescribed, by Paragraph 71 of the Local Government Act, 1925, and will be required to take up duty on January 12th, 1926. Qualifications must be such as will be recognised by the Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch).

Applications should reach the undersigned on or before Thursday, December 31st inst.

J. O'CALLAGHAN,
Principal and Secretary,
Technical Institute, Galway.

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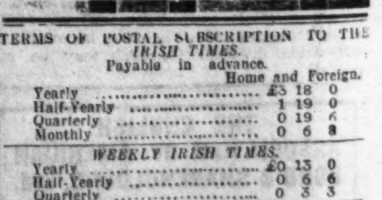

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JOYCE—December 23, 1925, at 89 Baggot street, to Margaret, wife of Gor Joyce, Woodview, Blackrock, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

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DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late insertion in this column will be found Page 4.

BALL—December 24, 1925, at her res Reynoldstown, Balbriggan, Mary, dearly-love of Richard Ball. R.I.P. Funeral private.

BASKIN—December 24, 1925, at 13 Temp avenue, Rathgar, May, elder daughter of th Stewart and Lucie Baskin. Funeral private.

BRADLEY—December 25, 1925, at the H Harold's Cross, Richard Bradley, late Infirmary road. R.I.P. Funeral private.

CAREY—At Nursing Home, Nottingham, Davis, third son of the late Thomas Car Blacklands, Rush.

CAULFIELD—December 25, 1925, at Adelaide Hospital, Mathew Caulfield, of Nurseries, Ballsbridge. Deeply regretted b sorrowing wife and family. Funeral p American papers please copy.

CONNOLLY—December 23, 1925, at Ingle Enniscorthy, Annie, second daughter of the Owen Connolly. R.I.P. Funeral took place day (Christmas Day) to New Cemetery, Enniscc

COX—December 25, 1925, at 26 Duke s Athy, John Robert Cox, dearly-loved and husband of Helen G. Cox. Funeral to St. Mic Athy, at 1 o'clock to-day (Saturday).
"Sleep on, beloved, sleep and take thy rest
Lay down thy weary head upon thy Sav
breast.
We loved thee well, but Jesus loved thee
Good night. Good night. Good night."

DUNNE—December 25, 1925, at her resid 8 St. Clement's road, Drumcondra, Hen dearly-beloved wife of James F. Dunne, to the pressible grief of her sorrowing husband, pa sisters, and relatives. R.I.P. Funeral lea Columba's, Iona road, after 10 o'clock Mas Monday morning for Glasnevin.

FARIS—December 22, 1925, in Dublin, M (Mattie), youngest daughter of the late T Faris, Ballinamore, County Leitrim, aged 80

KIRWAN—December 24, 1925, William aged 3 years, dearly-loved child of Charles Ellen Kirwan, 1a Carlingford road, Drumc Funeral from Baggot street Hospital 10 a.m. (Saturday), 26th December, to Glasnevin Ceme

McCABE—December 24, 1925, at his resi Weston, Rathgar road, after a brief illness, W J. McCabe, Chairman Dublin County C Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral strictly p No flowers, by request.

McCUTCHEON—At Durrow Glebe, Diana Adelaide, dearly-beloved daughter of McCutcheon, Latteragh House, Thurles, Tipperary; aged 26 years. Funeral to Cemetery to-day (Saturday), 26th, at 2 p.m.

MOYLES—December 23, 1925, at his resi Dangans House, Mountmellick, John M Funeral to Coolbanagher to-day (Saturday) o'clock.

OWEN—December 23, 1925, at her residen Upper Beechwood avenue, Mary Atkinson, w the late Alfred Richard Owen. Funeral at 9 to-day (Saturday), 26th December, for Jerome.

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HOPKINS—In fond memory of Benjami Hopkins, of Peafield House, Lansdowne terrace, entered into the Higher Life on Christmas 1898. "Death only shortens time here, not lif

HORNER—In loving memory of my dear Hannah Beatrice, who died 25th December, 19
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